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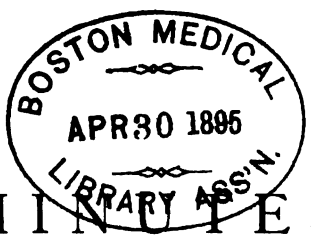

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Medical Society of the State of New York.*

A number of gentlemen wishing to associate for the purpose of promoting friendly professional intercourse, determined to meet at the City Hall, on the evening of November 14th, 1794, when there appeared,

Drs. John Charlton, Thos. Jones, Samuel Bard, Malichi Treat, Richard Bayley, S. Fangeres, Jas. Tillary, Samuel Nicoll, Ab. Bainbridge, David Breeks, W. P. Smith, John Gamage, Wm. Hamersley, John Onderdonk, George Anthon, J. R. B. Rodgers, W. Post, Wm. Laramie.

Dr. Charlton was appointed Chairman.

After some conversation on the subject of the meeting, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the present Association will, on the dissolution of the Society at present known by the name of the "Medical Society," form themselves into a Society by the name and title of the MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, and that they will take the seal of the same.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a form of Constitution for the Society to be formed.

Drs. Bayley, Smith, and Tillary, were appointed.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary, pro tem.*

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NEW YORK, *Jan. 10th*, 1795.

Dr. Charlton and fourteen members being present.

The Society having had several meetings on the subject of the Constitution, the same was finally agreed to and ratified, and ordered to be fairly copied in a book for that purpose, and signed by the members.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Edward Stevens, Dr. Joseph Youle, and Dr. David Hosack, be considered as original members of this Society.

Information was given of books purchased on account of the Society, at the sale of the books of the late Medical Society, whereupon it was requested that Dr. Smith would make report of the books and their original value, in his possession, belonging to this Society.

Dr. Rodgers was requested to wait on Dr. J. Bard and Dr. Jos. Youle, with the Constitution, for them to sign.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to report (at the next meeting) a proper place for the books to be deposited.

Drs. Nicoll, Hamersley, and Onderdonk, were appointed to that duty.

Resolved, That the annual election for officers be held on Tuesday evening next, at the City Hall.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary*.

January 13th, 1795.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held in the City Hall,

Present—Dr. Charlton in the chair; Drs. Anthon, Tillary, Gamage, Hamersley, Hosack, Youle, Bainbridge, Smith, Laurence, Treat, Nicoll.

This being the evening appointed for the election of officers, the Society proceeded to that business, when, upon counting the ballots, it appeared that Dr. John Charlton was duly elected President; Dr. Thos. Jones, Vice-President; Dr. Wm. P. Smith, Treasurer; Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, Secretary; and Drs. Samuel Bard, Malachi Treat, Richard Bayley, Samuel Nicoll, Censors.

Dr. Smith made report of the books in his hands belonging to

the Society. Dr. Smith was requested to make a valuation of the books, by taking the medium of the original price and that for which they sold at the late auction. Dr. Hosack offered his services to take care of the books of the Society.

Resolved, That the books be put under the care of Dr. Hosack, subject to the rules and fines of the City Library.

Drs. Bayley, Smith, and Tillary, were appointed a committee to draft a set of By-Laws, and to report as soon as possible.

Adjourned.

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, March 10th, 1795,

Present—Dr. Charlton, President; Drs. Bayley, Hosack, Post, Gamage, Bard, Anthon, Hamersley, Fangeres, Rodgers.

Dr. Bayley proposed an alteration of Article V. of the Constitution, viz: "That seven of the resident members shall form a quorum for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Society. Twelve members shall be necessary for the appropriating of moneys or other property, but for the admission of new members three-fourths of all the resident members shall be necessary."

Dr. Bayley read some observations on the use of opium in a violent spasmodic affection of the thorax.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

April 14, 1795.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, April 14th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Tillary, Treat, Nicoll, Gamage, Post, Borrowe, Hamersley, Hosack, and Rodgers.

Not being a quorum to transact business, adjourned to the next Stated Meeting.

J. R. B. RODGERS.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, at the usual place, May 12th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Bayley, Onderdonk, Anthon, Tillary, Bainbridge, Hamersley, Borrowe, Breeks, Hosack, Gamage, Rodgers, Smith.

A number of by-laws were proposed by Dr. Bayley, from a committee appointed for that purpose at a former meeting, and were entered on the Book of By-Laws.

Dr. Bayley, after some conversation, * * *

Adjourned.

JOHN R. B. RODGERS.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the usual place, June 9th, 1795,

Present—Drs. Bayley, Hosack, Fangers, Hamersley, Tillary, Rodgers.

Dr. Bayley was appointed Chairman.

Dr. Bayley, after some medical conversation, not being a quorum for the dispatch of the usual business of the Society,

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, at the usual place, July 14th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Bayley, Post, Treat, Tillary, Anthon, Hosack, Brooks, Nicoll, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Rodgers.

On motion of Dr. Onderdonk, seconded by Dr. Tillary—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take measures to have the books belonging to this Society deposited in the City Library.

The President appointed Drs. Hosack, Tillary, and Rodgers, to that business.

There not being a constitutional quorum to consider Dr.

Bayley's motion of the 10th of March, for altering the 5th Article of the Constitution, and no business coming before the Society,

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held Aug. 26, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. John Bard, Nicoll, Anthon, Gamage, Mitchill, Borrowe, Tillary, Bainbridge, Hamersley, S. Bard, Smith, Rodgers.

The Society were informed that they were called to communicate their sentiments and exchange ideas on the subject of the present epidemic in the upper part of the city. The President communicated a letter from the Health Committee to the Society on the subject. Whereupon—

Resolved, That the President, Dr. Tillary, and Dr. Mitchill, be a committee to answer the same.

Dr. Bayley's proposition for altering the 5th Article of the Constitution, as made on the 10th of March, 1795, was taken into consideration, and passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Dr. J. Bard—

Resolved, That this Society meet every Tuesday evening during the continuance of the present epidemic, and that the members communicate to the Society a statement of their practice respecting fevers in general, the numbers of their patients, their residence, occupation, and events, with such remarks and observations on particular cases as they think proper.

Adjourned.

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the usual place, Sept. 4th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. J. Bard, Bayley, S. Bard, Smith, Gamage, Mitchill, Fangeres, Tillary, Hamersley, Hosack, Borrowe, Anthon, Rodgers.

The President read a letter from the Governor of the State to

him as President of the Society, on the subject of the present alarm, in consequence of the disease in the upper part of the city, and on the subject of the intercourse having been stopped between this city and Philadelphia by the Governor of Pennsylvania.

After some conversation, Drs. Bayley, Tillary, Smith, Mitchill, and S. Bard, were appointed a committee to answer it.

Adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow at 12 o'clock, at noon.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

The Society met next day at the time appointed. The letter being presented by the committee, and approved by the Society, was resolved to be signed by the President and transmitted to the Governor of the State.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Sept. 29th, 1795,

Present—The President, Vice-President, and five members.

Drs. Bayley, Bard, Jones, Hamersley, and Nicoll, were appointed to collect and arrange the facts connected with the origin, progress and medical treatment of the epidemic disturbing now, and for some time past prevailing in, the city of New York, and to make report thereon as soon as may be convenient.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Oct. 21st, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Bayley, Anthon, Borrowe, Gamage, Fangeres, Tillary, Rodgers, Post, Hamersley.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Health Committee, requesting the opinion of the Society as to the propriety of invi-

ting the people of the country to the city, etc., to which the President was directed to reply that they did not find themselves inclined to give an opinion on the subject.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the usual place, Nov. 10th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Gamage, Bayley, Anthon, Hosack, Hamersley, Smith, Rodgers.

It having been represented to this Society that Messrs. Lawrence & Schefflin (whose store was formerly inspected by this Society) still continued to style it *inspected store*, and the agreement between this body and Mr. Lawrence on that subject, having long since ceased; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to state to Messrs. Lawrence & Schefflin the impropriety of their advertising their drugs as inspected by this Society, being an injury to us, to dealers in drugs and medicines, and to the community, and to inform them that if it be continued, the Society will be obliged to exonerate themselves from any blame which may be thrown on them.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held Dec. 8th, 1795,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Bayley, Gamage, Onderdonk, Anthon, Hamersley, Rodgers, S. Bard, Borrowe, Tillary, Mitchill, Smith, Post, Nicoll.

Dr. S. Bard requested to be excused from serving on the committee appointed at a former meeting to collect and digest facts on the subject of the late epidemic.

Dr. Hosack was appointed in his place.

Adjourned.

J. R. B. RODGERS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Jan. 12th, 1796,

Present—The President, Drs. Jones, Anthon, Bayley, Fangeres, Bainbridge, Smith, Gamage, Hosack, Nicoll, Hamersley.

This being the evening for the election of officers, the following persons were chosen:

Dr. Charlton, President, Dr. Jones, Vice-President; Drs. Bird, Bayley, Nicoll, Tillary, Censors; Dr. Smith, Treasurer; Dr. Onderdonk, Secretary.

On motion—

Resolved, At the request of the committee appointed to investigate the nature of the late epidemic fever, etc., they be dissolved.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report what precautions shall be recommended by this Society to the City Corporation, to be taken in order to prevent the generation among ourselves, or the spreading (if imported), of any malignant or infectious disease in the future.

Drs. Bayley, Post, and Tillary, were appointed.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Jan. 21st, 1796,

Present—The President, Drs. Bayley, Anthon, Gamage, Fangeres, Bainbridge, Rodgers, Hosack, Hamersley, Onderdonk.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to report the necessary precautions, &c., did thereon report, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be given to the committee for the faithful discharge of their duty, and that the President be requested to forward their report to the Magistracy of this city, with his signature.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held Feb. 9th, 1796,

Present—The President, Drs. Jones, Anthon, Bayley, Bainbridge, Fangeres, Hamersley, Borrowe, Hosack.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to point out to the Corporation of this city the ravages which the late epidemic made amongst that class of emigrants which arrived in this city during the late spring and summer seasons, and to recommend that a suitable provision be made to prevent a similar calamity in future.

The committee appointed are Drs. Bayley, Tillary, and Post.

Resolved, That the above committee do deliver to the President of this Society their statement, in order that it may be by him signed and presented to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause the late communications sent to the Corporation, to be transcribed in their Book of Minutes.

Adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

Commonalty of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The Medical Society of the State of New York having taken into their most serious consideration the dreadful effects of the late afflicting calamity with which this metropolis has been visited, beg leave to suggest the following observations to your honorable board, as the result of their deliberations. It would be improper, or at least foreign to the design of this address, to enter into an inquiry whether the late epidemic was imported or generated among us. Their motive for addressing you at this time is a desire to engage, and at the same time to assist, as far as they are able, your respectable board in applying a corrective to some of those causes which, they conceive, contributed to extend its influence and increase its malignity.

On this head they venture to point out the following objects as particularly demanding the notice of the magistrates and the interposition of their authority.

1st. The accumulation of filth in the streets; this being composed chiefly of dead animal and vegetable substances, is, when exposed to a hot sun, a source of noxious effluvia, which has a tendency to produce the most fatal effects. That such effluvia have been the cause of fever, has been confirmed by repeated

observations and experience in all parts of the world. They remark further that the pernicious practice of collecting in heaps on vacant lots the above mentioned offensive matter for the purpose of manure, is very reprehensible, and, they have no doubt, has produced many instances of disease. This was the case (during the prevalence of the fever) at the head of George Street, in which neighborhood it raged with peculiar violence.

2d. Obstructed water drains, by occasioning stagnant water and collecting matters of various kinds, which, undergoing decomposition, emit air of qualities extremely prejudicial to health.

3d. The situation of lots in certain parts, where they and the houses on them are considerably below the ordinary level of the streets. In such places the necessary consequence must be an accumulation of various substances, which, under the influence of heat and moisture, putrify, and thus contaminate the atmosphere, and communicate to it properties of a nature extremely deleterious.

4th. The situation of many of the docks and shores along the East River. It is observed that in many places large surfaces of mud are exposed at low water, which emit, during the heat of summer, an intolerable stench; and this evil is greatly increased by the practice of filling in docks with every species of filth, collected from the streets, which proves an unfailing source of unwholesome air; add to this the mode of erecting stores on piles, leaving a space under them filled with stagnant water, which is also a receptacle for every species of filth.

When they recollect that the malignant effects of the late epidemic were principally confined to those who resided on, or in the vicinity of, the new-made grounds on the south side of the city, they cannot but express their apprehensions.

5th. That the extension of such grounds further into the river, for the purpose of building thereon, may be productive of the most serious effects on the health of the inhabitants.

To the causes above enumerated others might with propriety be added, which endanger the health of the citizens, such as slaughter houses, manufactories of soap and candles, vellum, leather, starch, etc.

In laying this detail before you, they cannot conclude without declaring that, in their opinion, the malignity and fatality of the late fever was greatly influenced by the aforementioned causes; and were it necessary, they could adduce the authority of the most eminent physicians and philosophers in corroboration of their opinion; and therefore with confidence they respectfully submit it to your serious consideration, and hope that its importance to the health and reputation of the city will receive, as it undoubtedly claims, your early and due attention.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, March 5th, 1796,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Anthon Rodgers, and Hamersley.

The Society, agreeably to the eleventh article of the Constitution, gave notice that the office of Censor was vacated by the death of Dr. Samuel Nicoll, and that of Treasurer, by the death of Dr. William P. Smith, and that an election would take place, at their next meeting, for a Censor and Treasurer.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, April 12th, 1796,

Present—Dr. James Tillary, President, *pro tem.*; Drs. Anthon, Fangeres, Rodgers, Gamage, Hamersley, Hosack.

The Society proceeded to ballot for a Censor and Treasurer. On examining the ballots, Dr. Rodgers was appointed Censor, and Dr. Hosack, Treasurer.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, April 26th, 1796,

Present—The President; Drs. Tillary, S. Bard, Borrowe, Gamage, Bainbridge, Rogers, Hamersley, Hosack, Anthon, Mitchill.

A letter from Gov. Jay was read, requesting the opinion of the members of the Medical Society of the State of New York on a plan of a Lazaretto, and observations thereon, by Dr. Samuel Bard. The Society went into the consideration of the plan, etc. After some debate, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to draw up an answer to the Governor's communication, which shall be under the signature of the President.

The following gentlemen were appointed to that committee: The President, and Drs. Mitchill and S. Bard.

The President laid before the Society a letter from Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill, one of the Committee of Arrangement, informing them that a Medical Commencement, for examining the candidates for degrees, will be held at the College Hall, on the third of May, and agreeably to their public regulation, a place is provided for the Medical Society. The Faculty of Physic request the honor of their attendance. With pleasure the Society accepted the invitation and agreed to attend.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, May 10th, 1796,

Present—The President; Drs. Anthon, Hamersley, Hosack, and Bainbridge.

Not a sufficient number of members appearing to form a quorum, Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, June 14th, 1796,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Rodgers, Anthon, Hamersley, Gamage, Onderdonk.

On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Anthon, it is proposed that so much of the 4th Art. of the Constitution as relates to the Monthly Meetings of the Society, be repealed, and that the Society meet in future every three months.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, July 12th, 1796,

Present—Dr. Tillary in the Chair, Drs. Bainbridge, Fangeres, Anthon, Mitchill, Hamersley, Gamage, Onderdonk.

A letter from John Murray, Chairman of the Commissioners

of Health, directed to John Charlton, President of the Medical Society, was read, and the answer from the President of the Medical Society to John Murray. They were ordered to be recorded.

NEW YORK, July 5th, '96.

DR. JOHN CHARLTON:

SIR—As President of the Medical Society it is proper to inform you that Robert Bowne, John B. Coles, Wm. I. Robinson, Henry Will, F. Childs, John Campbell, and myself, have been appointed Commissioners of Health of this city, and that we have formed ourselves into a board for transacting such business as may respect the duties of our appointment; and in order to be the better enabled to perform our duties, we shall at all times be happy to consult with you on such measures as may tend to the general good and health of our fellow-citizens; and I am requested to inform you that such communications as it is necessary for the physicians to make to the Commissioners, may be for the present directed to John Murray, No. 27 Beekman Street, who acts as Chairman to the Board, and who will at all times be happy to receive communications from the Medical Society.

You will please communicate the contents of this letter to the members of the Medical Society, in order that they may know who the Commissioners of Health are, and where to make the communications required.

I remain, respectfully, your humble servant,

JOHN MURRAY,
Chairman of the Commissioners of Health.

NEW YORK, *July 6th*, 1796.

SIR—I have been this day favored with yours of yesterday. The Medical Society will meet next Tuesday, when it shall be laid before them. I will venture to assert, sir, that the Society will at all times cheerfully co-operate with the Commissioners of Health in their exertions to preserve the health of our fellow-citizens, but I should be happy (previous to their meeting) to receive from you, for them, more particular information of the nature of the communications the Commissioners would wish from them.

My motive for this request is, that early in the last winter the Medical Society were at the pains of pointing out to the Corporation of the city the precautions which to them appeared indispensably necessary to the prevention in future of a calamity similar to that we experienced last Summer and Autumn, not an article of which (I believe) has been attended to. If the

Commissioners have known, and wish to remove, nuisances which are the productive causes of our misfortunes, I have no doubt the Medical Society will afford all the aid in their power to effect so salutary a measure; or if the Commissioners wish to direct the attention of the Society to any other object, I am confident that it need only be signified to them to insure their utmost exertions.

I am, sir, most respectfully, your very humble servant,

J. CHARLTON,
President of Medical Society State of New York.

Mr. JOHN MURRAY,
Chairman of Commissioners of Health of New York City.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Aug. 9th, 1796,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Bainbridge, and Hamersley.

Not a quorum to do business. Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, 13th Sept., 1796,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Hamersley, Gamage, and Borrowe.

This being the evening, agreeable to notice, to consider the propriety of altering that part of the 4th Article of the Constitution which relates to the Monthly Meeting of the Society, not a sufficient number present to take up the business, and no others appearing, Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Nov. 5th, 1796,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Fan-

geres, Rodgers, Gamage, Laurence, Hamersley, Bainbridge, Tillary, Post, Onderdonk.

That part of the 4th Article of the Constitution was altered, relative to the meetings of the Society, and the following motion adopted:

Resolved, That the future meetings of this Society be held quarterly, viz., on the second Tuesdays of January, April, July, October.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, January 10th, 1797,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Bainbridge, Anthon, Fangeres, Rodgers, Hamersley, Gamage, and Hosack.

This being the regular evening for the election of officers, the Society proceeded to ballot. On examining the ballots the following persons were duly chosen:

Dr. Charlton, President; Dr. T. Jones, Vice-President; Drs. Bard, Tillary, Bayley, Rodgers, Censors; Dr. Hosack, Treasurer; Dr. Onderdonk, Secretary.

Resolved, That if any member be absent at a Quarterly Meeting (except such absence has been caused by sickness), he shall be fined eight shillings.

A letter from Dr. Joseph Youle, directed to the President of the Medical Society, enclosing his proposals for printing a new Physical System of Astronomy.

On motion, it was resolved to subscribe for two copies for the Medical Society.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Feb. 14th, 1797,

Present — The President and Vice-President, Drs. Fangeres, Anthon, Hamersley, Gamage, Bayley, and Mitchill.

The Society was informed by the President that this meeting

was called in consequence of a law being made before the Legislature to regulate the practice of physic.

After some debate, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature, on the subject of the practice of physic, and that the said memorial be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

The Committee appointed were Drs. Bard, Bayley, and Mitchill.

On motion of Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Hosack,

Resolved, That at our next regular meeting the Society do take into consideration the propriety of uniting their library with that of the Hospital.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, April 11th, 1797,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Tillary, Rodgers, Fangeres, Gamage, Bainbridge, Hamersley.

On motion of Dr. Rodgers, seconded by Dr. Anthon,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Governors of the New York Hospital, on the subject of uniting the library of this Society with that of the Hospital, and report at our next meeting.

The following members were appointed to that Committee: Vice-President, Drs. Tillary and Hamersley.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, July 11th, 1797,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Bainbridge, Hamersley, Rodgers, and Gamage.

The committee appointed at our last meeting begged leave for further time, as they were not ready to report.

Adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Oct. 10th, 1797,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Tillary, Bayley, and Fangeres.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Governors of the New York Hospital, relative to their library, etc., be dismissed.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Jan. 9th, 1798,

Present—Dr. Anthon, President, *pro tem.;* Drs. Rodgers, Tillary, Hamersley, Gamage, and Onderdonk.

This was the evening to elect officers. Not a quorum. The Society adjourned to meet on Tuesday, 27th February.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Feb. 27th, 1798,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Tillary, Rodgers, Hamersley, Fangeres, Gamage, Post, and Onderdonk.

This being the adjourned meeting to choose officers, the Society proceeded to ballot. The following officers were chosen:

Dr. Charlton, President; Dr. T. Jones, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Dr. Onderdonk, Secretary; Drs. Bayley, Rodgers, Tillary, J. Bard, Censors.

The proposition made by Dr. Bayley was ordered to be laid over to our next meeting.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, April 10th, 1798,

Present—The President and Vice-President, Drs. Anthon, Hamersley, Fangeres, Tillary, Post, Bainbridge, and Onderdonk.

The proposition made by Dr. Bayley was called up. After some debate it was dismissed, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Censors to purchase annually publications to the amount of such funds as may be in the treasury of the Society, or to such additional amount as the Society may from time to time appropriate to that purpose.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, July 10th, 1798,

Present—The President, Drs. Tillary, Bainbridge, Anthon, Hamersley, Rodgers, Gamage, Onderdonk.

The Secretary gave notice that the office of Vice-President was vacated by the death of Dr. Thomas Jones.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Aug. 3d, 1798,

Present—The President, Drs. Tillary, Bayley, Anthon, Bainbridge, Fangeres, Post, Borrowe, Gamage, Hamersley.

The Society was called to reconsider the Medical Charges,

which was taken up; after some debate was referred to a committee of five, viz., Drs. Tillary, Post, Hamersley, Rodgers, and Borrowe.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Nov. 14th, 1798,

Present—The President, Drs. Bayley, Rogers, Hamersley, Tillary, Hosack, Post, Gamage, Anthon, Borrowe.

The Society was called to receive the report of the Committee of Charges. The same having been adopted, it was

Resolved, That the committee present the same to such medical gentlemen as they may think proper for their signature.

Two letters were read, one from Dr. William Currie, of Philadelphia, the other from the Mayor of this city, on the subject of the late epidemic fever, which were referred to an adjourned meeting of the Society, on Tuesday evening next.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Nov. 15th, 1798,

Present—The President, Drs. Fangeres, Anthon, Gamage, Bayley, Tillary, Borrowe, Rodgers, Post, Hosack, Hamersley.

Resolved, That whenever the Committee of Charges shall have obtained a sufficient number of subscribers, they cause one hundred copies to be printed, and present each subscriber with a copy, the residue to be lodged with the President.

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed by ballot to inquire into the origin, causes and prevention of the late epidemic, and report to the Society, in writing, the result of such inquiry.

Drs. Tillary, Rodgers, and Mitchill, were elected. The President was requested to give information thereof to the Mayor.

Resolved, That the Secretary reply to Dr. Currie, and inform him that the Society are engaged in preparing for public notice

their sentiments in relation to many of the subjects contained in his letter, and that the Society beg leave to refer him for their reply to the result of their present deliberations, with which they will duly furnish him, and that in return he be invited to communicate to the Society the result of his inquiries.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Dec. 31st, 1798,

Present—The President, Drs. Post, Fangeres, Anthon, Bainbridge, Rodgers, Gamage, Bayley, Hamersley, Tillary.

The report of the Committee of Inquiry was read. After some debate the following resolution was carried:

Resolved, That the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the origin and prevention of the late epidemic, be received, and that the same be printed at the expense of the Society.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, Jan. 7th, 1799,

Present—The President, Drs. Bayley, Tillary, Post, Gamage, Bainbridge, Fangeres, Anthon, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Rodgers.

This being the evening prescribed by the Constitution to ballot for the officers of this Society for the ensuing year, on examining the ballots the following persons were duly elected:

Dr. John Charlton, President; Dr. Richard Bayley, Vice-President; Dr. Borrowe, Secretary; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Drs. Tillary, Post, Anthon, Rodgers, Censors.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to send an account to each member of the amount of moneys he stands indebted to the Society, and request a settlement of the same.

Resolved, That the moneys due Dr. Gamage, arising from the sale of the books of this Society, be deducted from his fines, &c., that the Treasurer carry the same to his benefit.

Society adjourned.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*

April, 1799.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, April 9th, 1799, at 7 o'clock P. M.,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Fangeres, Post, Rodgers, Gamage, Hamersley, Hosack, Tillary, Bainbridge, Borrowe. Absentees—Lawrence, Onderdonk. Excused.

The Treasurer reported that he had effected a settlement with all the members except Drs. Mitchill and Gamage, who are still delinquent. The Treasurer further reported that Dr. Mitchill declared in positive terms that he would not pay any moneys to the Medical Society, either for fines, annual subscription, or initiation fee, for which he stands indebted to this Society, as appears by the books of the Treasurer.

In consequence of which the Society entered into the following resolution:

Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill having for several years attended as a member of this Society (on regular application being made to him), refused to pay his dues. Therefore,

Resolved, That he be no longer considered a member of this Society.

On motion of Dr. Post, seconded by Dr. Hamersley,

Resolved, That the members of this Society, in testimony of the high respect they bear to the character of the late Dr. John Bard (formerly President thereof), do wear crape on the left arm for one month.

The Secretary was directed to have the above resolution last mentioned inserted in two of the public papers of this city.

Dr. Hosack communicated two cases of tetanus cured by the free use of wine. After some observations on the causes and cure of tetanus, by Drs. Bayley, Rodgers, Hamersley, and Hosack,

The Society adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary*.

July, 1799.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, July 9th, 1799, at 8 o'clock P. M.,

Present—President Charlton, Vice-President Bayley, Drs. Tillary, Rodgeres, Fangers, Post, Anthon, Bainbridge, Onderdonk, Hamersley, Borrowe.

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, seconded by Dr. Borrowe,

Resolved, That Dr. Lawrence be excepted from attending the regular meetings of this Society.

Resolved, That all members of this Society who shall not pay the accounts which appear to be due the Society, after being properly audited and called on by the Treasurer, shall, if the said dues are not paid in three months after being so called on, be considered as no longer members of this Society.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary*.

January, 1800.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, Jan. 14th, 1800, at 7 o'clock P. M.,

Present—President Charlton, Vice-President Bayley, Drs. Tillary, Hamersley, Rodgers, Onderdonk, Anthon, Gamage, Borrowe.

This being the evening prescribed by the Constitution for the election of officers of this Society, on examining the ballots the following gentlemen were found to be unanimously elected:

Dr. John Charlton, President; Dr. Richard Bayley, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Dr. Borrowe, Secretary; Drs. Anthon, Post, Tillary, Rodgers, Censors.

The Treasurer exhibited his books and accounts, properly audited, and reported a balance of ——— remaining in the Treasury.

The Society then entered into the following resolutions:

The members of this Society having been frequently applied to for the purpose of recommending young men as proper persons to act as *surgeons* in the *navy* and *army* of the United States,

Resolved, That the members of this Society will not recommend any person as qualified to act in the aforesaid capacity unless he shall have received a medical diploma from some College or University, or produce a certificate of his having been regularly examined by three of the members of this Society.

And further,

Resolved, That the members of this Society will not recommend any person as a *practitioner of physic*, unless he shall possess the testimonials expressed in the preceding resolutions.

Drs. Peter Anderson and Proudfit were proposed as candidates for admission into this Society.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, the 8th day of April, 1800,

Present—President John Charlton, Drs. Post, Rodgers, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Fangeres, Tillary, Anthon, Bainbridge, Hosack, Borrowe.

Drs. Peter Anderson and Proudfit were duly elected members of this Society.

Resolved, That the Censors collect from the minutes the Rules and Bye-Laws that are more immediately necessary for the government of the Society, and that they report annually, at the Regular Meeting in July.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a Regular Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, the 8th day of July, 1800, at 8 o'clock P. M.,

Present—Drs. Bainbridge, Rodgers, Hosack, Hamersley, Anthon, and Borrowe.

Dr. Proudfit appeared, signed the Constitution, paid his fee.

The Censors reported that they had appointed Dr. N. Romaine to purchase books in London, to the amount of fifty dollars, for the Medical Society.

Dr. Hosack proposed Dr. Letsom, of London, as an honorary member of this Society.

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York held at the City Hall, in the City of New York, the 14th day of October, 1800, at 7 o'clock P. M.,

Present — The President, Vice-President, Drs. Onderdonk, Hamersley, Post, Gamage, Rodgers, Proudfit, Tillary, Hosack, Anthon.

Dr. Tillary reported that the books purchased by Dr. Romaine for this Society had arrived in good order.

Dr. John Coakeley Letsom, of London, is duly elected member of this Society.

Resolved, That the librarian of the City Library be requested to render a catalogue of the books belonging to the Medical Society, with his receipt annexed thereto.

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held in the City Hall, at the City of New York, ye 13th day of January, 1801,

Present—President. Drs. Rodgers, Hamersley, Hosack, Onderdonk, Gamage, Proudfit, Tillary, Anthon, Fangeres.

This being the evening prescribed by the Constitution for the election of officers of this Society for the ensuing year, on examining the ballots the following gentlemen were found to be duly elected:

Dr. John Charlton, President; Dr. Richard Bayley, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Dr. Borrowe, Secretary; Drs. Anthon, Post, Tillary, Rodgers, Censors.

Dr. Peter Anderson was admitted as member of this Society.

The Treasurer reported a balance of ten pounds, nineteen shillings and fourpence in the treasury.

Resolved, That Dr. Gamage and the Secretary be appointed a committee to procure a proper place for future meetings of this Society, and that they report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, in Broad Way, the 11th day of April, 1801,

Present—Drs. Anthon, Post, Rodgers, Hamersley, Hosack, Gamage, Proudfit, Onderdonk, Fangeres, Tillary.

The President being absent in consequence of indisposition, Dr. Anthon was requested to take the chair.

After which Dr. Anderson was introduced, signed the Constitution, paid his fees, and took his seat as a resident member.

The committee appointed to procure a room for the accommodation of this Society, reported that Mr. Lovet would furnish a convenient room at his hotel, in Broad Way, together with fire and candlelight, for the sum of two dollars each meeting.

Resolved, That this Society accept of Mr. Lovet's proposal, and that the future meetings be at his house.

The committee appointed to revise the Bye-Laws reported progress, and requested leave to sit again.

The Secretary was directed to have the certificate for Dr. Letsom handsomely written upon vellum, and present it at the next Quarterly Meeting for inspection.

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

We, the subscribers, practitioners of physic and surgery in the City of New York, do agree upon the following rate of charges, for our professional services, from and after the first day of July, 1798, agreeably to which rates we do recommend our bills to be presented every six months, or oftener if circumstances permit:

	Dol. cents
Verbal advice	5 00
A letter of advice	10 00
An ordinary visit	1 00
A visit, with a single dose of medicine	1 25
Medicine to be priced as follows:	
For powders, each	12
Pills, each dose	12
Boluses, each	25
Electuaries, per ounce	50
Mixtures, per ounce	12
Decoctions, one dollar & $\frac{50}{100}$ per lb. or per ounce	12
Infuse, one dollar & $\frac{50}{100}$ per lb. or per ounce	12
Lotions, per lb.	1 25
Tinctures, per ounce	25
Vol. spirit, per ounce	50

	Dol. cents
Ointments and cerates, per ounce	25
Blistering plasters, according to their sizes, from 1 Dol. $\frac{38}{100}$ to	2 00
Other plasters, $\frac{40}{100}$ to	2 50
For a single dose of medicine, dispensed without a visit	62

Consultations.

The first visit in consultation	5 00
Each subsequent visit in consultation	2 00
A night visit	5 00
Visit at a distance from town, per mile	1 00
A visit to Brooklyn	3 00
A visit to Pawles' Hook	5 00
A visit to Staten Island	10 00
The last two charges to be doubled in Winter or in stormy and tempestuous weather.	
The first visit in epidemic fevers, or in other diseases where there is personal danger incurred	5 00
Each subsequent visit under these circumstances	2 00

The Charges.

For curing a simple or virulent gonorrhea, from Ten	20 00
For curing confirmed syphilis, from $25 to	100 00
For dressing a blister, from $\frac{40}{100}$ to	1 00
For dressing wounds, from one to	2 00
For applying cupping glasses	4 00
For bleeding in the arm	1 00
" " in the foot	2 00
" " jugular vein	2 00
For opening an artery	5 00
For inoculating and attending in the small pox, from $5 00 to	10 00
Scarifications of the eye	5 00
Punctures in œdematous swellings	2 00
Inserting an issue	2 00
Inserting a seton	5 00
Introducing a catheter the first time	5 00
Introducing a catheter, each subsequent time	2 00
Extracting a calculus from the urethra	10 00
Reducing a simple fracture, from ten dollars to	20 00
Reducing a compound fracture	30 00
Setting dislocations, from $5 00 to	20 00
For reducing a prolapsus ani	5 00
For reducing a hernia	25 00
For opening an abscess, from $1 00 to	5 00
For amputating the breast	50 00
" " " arm or leg	50 00
" " " joint	100 00
" " " finger	10 00
" " " penis	20 00
For extirpating the eye	100 00
" " " tonsill	25 00
" " " testicle	50 00
" " a polypus	25 00
" " a tumor, from $10 to	50 00
Perforating the rectum, nostrils, or the urethra	10 00
Paracentesis of the abdomen	10 00
" " thorax	50 00
Operation for an aneurism	100 00
" " the hair lip	25 00
" " hydrocele	25 00
" " hernia	125 00
" " fistula in ano	50 00

	Dol. cents
Operation for fistula in perinœo	25 00
" " phymosis	10 00
" " paraphymosis	10 00
" " fistula lachrymalis	25 00
" " wry neck	25 00
" " cataract	125 00
The operation of lithotomy	125 00
" " of bronchotomy	25 00
" " of trepanning	100 00
" " of circumcision	10 00

Midwifery Charges.

For a common case, from $15 00 to	25 00
For tedious or difficult cases, from $25 00 to	40 00

Resolved, That the Secretary transcribe in the Book of Minutes the medical charges agreed upon in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, in Broad Way, July 14th, 1801, at 8 o'clock P. M.,

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, Anderson, Proudfit, Tillary, Anthon, Hamersley, Gamage, Borrowe.

Resolved, That the Secretary send a list of the members of the Medical Society of the State of New York to the librarian of the City Library, and request him to deliver books to the members only, or their written order, and that the Medical Library be subject to the same regulations as are observed in the City Library.

Resolved, That the Secretary give public notice of the future Stated Meetings of this Society, in two of the daily papers printed in this city, for two days previous to said meetings.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the 12th of Jan., 1802,

Present—President, Drs. Tillary, Hamersley, Rodgers, Post, Fangeres, Anthon, Onderdonk, Proudfit, Anderson, Borrowe.

This being the evening appointed for the election of officers,

the Society proceeded to that business, when, upon examining the ballots, the following gentlemen were found to be duly elected:

Dr. John Charlton, President; Dr. Anthon, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Drs. Post, Rodgers, Tillary, Fangeres, Censors, and Borrowe, Secretary.

Dr. Closeman was unanimously elected a resident member of this Society.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the 13th of April, 1802,

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Post, Hosack, Proudfit, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Borrowe.

Absent—Drs. Gamage, Fangeres, Rodgers, Tillary, Bainbridge, Anderson, Closeman.

After going through the ordinary business, the Society adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the second Tuesday of July, 1802,

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At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held the 12th of Oct., 1802, at Lovet's Hotel,

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Hosack, Closeman, Gamage, Rodgers, Tillary, Onderdonk, Proudfit, Anderson.

The President, Dr. Charlton, laid before the Society a communication from the Physical Society of this city, signed James S. Stringham, President.

Resolved, That the President be requested to return a respectful answer to the letter of the Physical Society, assuring them of our wishes for their prosperity and happiness, and that we shall accord with them in every measure to promote the dignity of the profession, and extend the blessing of harmony.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to furnish the Secretary of the Physical Society with a copy of our rate of charges, and the etiquette observed by the members of this Society.

Dr. James S. Stringham was proposed by Dr. Onderdonk, seconded by Dr. Rodgers, a candidate for the Medical Society.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medlcal Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the 11th Jan., 1803,

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Anderson, Closeman, Onderdonk, Hosack, Rodgers, Tillary, Fangeres, Gamage, Proudfit, Borrowe.

Dr. James S. Stringham was unanimously elected a resident member of this Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the certificate of Dr. John Coakeley Letsom's admission into this Society as an honorary member.

Drs. Rodgers, Tillary, and Hosack, were appointed.

A letter from Dr. Letsom to the Society was received, together with several books presented by him.

Resolved, That this Society return Dr. Letsom a letter of thanks for the books, etc.

This being the evening appointed by law for the election of officers, the Society proceeded to that business, and on examining the ballots it appeared that the officers of the preceding year were all re-elected.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the 12th of April, 1803,

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Fangeres, Tillary, Anderson, Proudfit, Hamersley, Gamage, Rodgers, Stringham, Post, Borrowe.

After having transacted the regular business, the Society adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, the 12th July, 1803,

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Tillary, Hamersley, Proudfit, Anderson, Closeman, Gamage.

Dr. Gamage read an Act of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, to incorporate certain physicians of that State.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed, to take into consideration the propriety of applying to the Legislature of this State for a law regulating the practice of physic and surgery, or a law of incorporation, and report at the next meeting.

Resolved, That Drs. Anthon, Rodgers, Hamersley, Gamage, be the committee.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York,

Present—The Vice-President, Drs. Hamersley, Post, Tillary, Gamage, Onderdonk, Proudfit, Rodgers, Stringham, Closeman, Borrowe.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of making application to the Legislature of this State for a law regulating the practice of physic and surgery, &c., reported progress. Dr. Stringham was added to the committee.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held Jan. 18th, 1804,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Tillary, Stringham, Post, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Proudfit, Borrowe.

This being the evening appointed by the Constitution for the election of officers, those of last year were all duly re-elected.

Adjourned.

S. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

The Medical Society of the State of New York met the second Tuesday in April, 1804, at the usual time and place, and after going through the regular business of the Society,

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held July 10th, 1804, at the usual place,

Present—The Vice-President, Drs. Post, Gamage, Hamersley, Onderdonk, Proudfit.

The report of the Committee of the Legislature of this State on the subject of the petition of the Medical Society, was read.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held at Lovet's Hotel, Jan. 15th, 1805,

Present—The Vice-President, Drs. Tillary, Onderdonk, Stringham, Hamersley, Rodgers, Proudfit, Gamage.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of this Society:

Dr. Anthon, President; Dr. Tillary, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Dr. Borrowe, Secretary; Drs. Rodgers, Fangeres, Post, and Stringham, Censors.

Resolved, That the President be requested to address the Legislature of this State on the subject of the bill to regulate the practice of physic and surgery in this city.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held 9th April, 1805, at Lovet's Hotel,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Hamersley, Rodgers, Proudfit, Fangeres, Onderdonk, Stringham, Borrowe.

Resolved, That a committee of the members be appointed to confer with the Governors of the New York Hospital on the

subject of assigning the library of this Society to the said Governors, for the purpose of increasing the library of the Hospital, and that they propose as a condition that present members of the said Society shall become entitled to a share in said library, which share shall descend to a son, provided he shall become a regular bred physician and a resident practitioner in this city.

Resolved, That Drs. Tillary, Stringham, and Hamersley, be that committee.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held 16th July, 1805, at Lovet's Hotel,

Present—The President, Drs. Gamage, Closeman, Fangeres, Stringham, Hamersley, Borrowe.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to recommend to this Society the best mode of appropriating the funds of this Society.

Resolved, That Drs. Hamersley and Gamage be that committee.

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed for the purpose of revising the Constitution, and drawing up a code of by-laws for this Society, and that they report at the next regular meeting.

Resolved, That Drs. Stringham, Gamage, and Proudfit, be that committee.

Candidates proposed for admission into this Society:

Dr. Servant, by Dr. Gamage, seconded by Dr. Hamersley.

Dr. Abrm. Hunt, proposed by Dr. Stringham, seconded by Dr. Gamage.

Dr. William Borrowe, proposed by Dr. Borrowe, seconded by Dr. Hamersley.

Adjourned.

SAM'L BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held Jan. 14th, 1806,

Present—The President, Vice-President, Drs. Rodgers, Stringham, Post, Proudfit, Hamersley, Borrowe.

This being the evening appointed for the election of officers, the following gentlemen were elected:

Dr. Anthon, President; Dr. Tillary, Vice-President; Dr. Hamersley, Treasurer; Dr. Stringham, Secretary; Drs. Charlton, Fangeres, Post, Rodgers, Censors.

Dr. Servant, Dr. Wm. Borrowe, and Dr. Abrm. Hunt, were duly admitted members of this Society.

Candidates for admission into this Society:

Dr. Walter Buchanan, Dr. Wm. Turk, and Dr. Arch'd Bruce.

Adjourned.

SAM. BORROWE, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, held April 8th, 1806,

Present—The President, Drs. Rodgers, Hamersley, Proudfit, Onderdonk, Closeman, Borrowe, and Stringham.

The Constitution, after having been read, was signed by the newly admitted members, Drs. Servant and Borrowe. The committee for the purpose of extracting from the minutes such resolutions as were connected with the regulation of the business of the Society, reported thereon.

The committee appointed for the purpose of drawing up a code of by-laws begged leave to report, which, being granted, the Society entered into a consideration of that report, part of which was adopted, with amendments, and the remainder ordered to lie over till the next regular meeting.

The candidates for admission, Drs. Walter Buchanan and William Turk, were balloted for, and on examination of the votes it appeared that they were unanimously elected members of this Society.

Adjourned.

JAMES S. STRINGHAM, *Secretary.*

At a Special Meeting of the Medical Society, held by order of the President, June 10th, 1806,

Present—President, Drs. Tillary, Hamersley, Fangeres, On-

derdonk, Gamage, Borrowe, Proudfit, Sevant, Borrowe, and Stringham.

Dr. William Turk having been duly admitted a member, signed his name to the Constitution.

The Society after having considered the late law passed by the Legislature, respecting the regulation of the practice of physic, adjourned for a further consideration of the same until Saturday, June 28th.

JAMES S. STRINGHAM, *Secretary.*

Agreeably to adjournment, the Society met on Saturday evening, June 28th,

Present — President, Vice-President, Drs. Hamersley, Bainbridge, Fangeres, Onderdonk, Post, Borrowe, Gamage, Proudfit, Servant, Borrowe, Turk, Buchanan, and Stringham.

The law passed by the Legislature April 4th, 1806, entitled "An Act to Incorporate Medical Societies, for the purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State," being duly considered, it was determined by a majority of the Society, that altho' many parts of the above Act were highly objectionable, still that, under all circumstances, the profession might be benefited by a meeting of the members of this Society with the other Physicians of this City, at the time and place appointed by law.

Adjourned.

JAMES S. STRINGHAM, *Secretary.*

On Tuesday, July 8, an Ordinary Meeting of the Society was held.

Present—President, Vice-President, Drs. Fangeres, Onderdonk, Gamage, Hamersley, Proudfit, Servant, Borrowe, Buchanan, Turk, and Stringham.

The report of the committee appointed to draw up a code of Bye-Laws, and which had lain over since the last Ordinary Meeting, was now reconsidered and adopted, with amendments.

The Society considering that, under existing circumstances, it

was necessary that the name of this Institution be changed, Drs. Gamage and Stringham were appointed a committee for that purpose, to report at the next Regular Meeting.

Notice was given by Dr. Hamersley that he should propose at the next meeting an alteration of that article of the Constitution relative to the sum to be paid as the initiating fee.

Drs. Manley and Neilson was proposed as members.

A communication by Dr. Servant was read, and ordered to be filed among the papers of this Society.

Adjourned.

JAMES S. STRINGHAM, *Secretary.*

On Tuesday, January 13th, an Ordinary Meeting of the Society was held at the City Hotel.

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Society adjourned.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS

OF THE

County of New York,

CONVENED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY,

MDCCCVI.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Physicians and Surgeons of the City and County of New York, convened in the front court-room of the City Hall on the first Tuesday in July, being the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, according to an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An Act to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State."

PRESENT:

Nicholas Romayne
George Anthon
James Tillary
Daniel Proudfit
A. Bainbridge
John Hunter
William Barrow
William Moore
Wright Post
John Gamage
Henry M. Van Solingen
Abraham Brower
Richard L. Walker
Nicholas I. Quackenbos
Rufus A. Burrett
Samuel Nesbitt, Sen'r
John Wilson
Benjamin R. Robson
Ezekiel Ostrander
P. Turner
Silas Lord
George C. Quackenbos
William Hamersley
Charles Buxton
Andrew Morton
George Cuming
Hillebrant Lozier
Daniel Lord
Caleb Shreve
Valentine Seaman
Amos King
Samuel L. Mitchell
George Hancock Douglass
Jacob S. Arden
Walter W. Buchanan
Daniel M. Hitchcock
George Warren Chapman
Alexander Wertheyne
William Turk
John Scott
Benjamin Hicks
Abraham Lozier
J. J. De Yong
Felix Pascalis
Joshua E. R. Birch
John D. Gillispie
James S. Stringham
John Riddell

Jotham Post, Jun'r
James Smith
Jacob Vredenburgh Brower
Samuel Borrowe
Hugh McLean
John Onderdonk
G. Jones
John Stone
Edward Miller
Richard S. Kissam
David Hosack
Archibald Bruce
Shadrick Ricketson
Samuel Watkins
Joshua Secor
John Clark
William Stillwell
William McIntosh
Joseph Bloodgood
John Regan
Lemuel Merritt
Benjamin Rockwell
William J. MacNeven
Lewis Beebe
Joel Hart
Samuel Nesbitt, Jun'r
Nathan Wendell
Isaac Kipp
James Wilson
Philip D. Ketellas
Robert Johnson
Samuel Torbert
James R. Manley
John Neilson
V. A. Servant Grangeae
H. P. Servant Lafaye
Samuel Guthrie
Daniel Baldwin Cornelius
John Hicks
Stevens J. Lewis
Thomas Dawson
Libertus Van Bokkelin
John See
Michael Degray
Beekman M. Van Beuren
Gaetano Angelis
Joseph Jauncey
Henry C. Kunze
Elias Winfield
Alexander Anderson
Daniel D. Walters
Thomas Boyd
Robert Thorn
William L. Simers.

Dr. Nicholas Romayne was appointed Chariman, and Dr. Valentine Seaman, Secretary of the meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Chairman have authority to appoint all committees which may be necessary to this meeting.

Dr. Hamersley and Dr. Gamage were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor of the City of New York, and to procure from him the necessary certificate that the chamber at present occupied by this meeting is the one appointed by law for that purpose.

The said Committee reported that the Mayor would furnish a certificate agreeably to the request of this meeting, and which being afterwards received is as follows, viz.:

"By Tunis Wortman, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and *ex-officio* Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the said City.

"It is hereby certified and declared that the last Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court, held in and for the said City and County, was held in the front court room of the City Hall.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the [L. S.] said Court of Common Pleas to be affixed this 1st day of July, Anno Domini 1806.

"(Signed) T. WORTMAN."

"BY DEWITT CLINTON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

"It is hereby certified that Tunis Wortman, whose name is subscribed to the above certificate, is Clerk of the City and County of New York, and *ex-officio* Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court, and that full faith and credit are due to the said certificate.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of May- [L. S.] oralty to be affixed the 1st day of July, Anno Domini 1806.

"(Signed) DEWITT CLINTON."

On motion—

Resolved, That the Act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State," be read, and which was read by the Secretary accordingly.

On motion—

Resolved, That this meeting proceed to incorporate as directed by the Act of the Legislature previously read by the Secretary, and that they proceed to choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Whereupon Dr. George Anthon, Dr. Wright Post, and Dr. John Onderdonk, were appointed to superintend and inspect the said election, and that the said election be by ballot.

The inspectors appointed to superintend the election of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Medical Society of the County of New York, made a written report under their signatures, and which being ordered to be read, is as follows, viz.:

NEW YORK, 1st July, 1806.

We, the subscribers, appointed by the meeting of the medical gentlemen to canvass the votes for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, declare that the following persons were duly elected, viz.:

Dr. NICHOLAS ROMAYNE, *President.*
Dr. JAMES TILLARY, *Vice-President.*
Dr. EDWARD MILLER, *Secretary.*
Dr. VALENTINE SEAMAN, *Treasurer.*

(Signed) WRIGHT POST.
GEORGE ANTHON.
JOHN ONDERDONK.

On motion—

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn, and that they meet again at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, in the City Hall, in the chamber at present occupied by this meeting.

Adjourned accordingly.

The Physicians and Surgeons of the County of New York met according to adjournment.

The proceedings of the former meeting being read and an engrossed copy thereof having been made out, it was directed to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting and delivered to the Secretary of the Medical Society of the County of New York, to be by him lodged in the office of the Clerk of said County, as by law directed, and they were accordingly delivered to said Secretary for that purpose.

The President made an address to the meeting. It was resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York be held on the first Monday in July.

Upon the President retiring, the Vice-President took the Chair; it was then resolved that the address delivered by the President to this meeting be entered on the journals.

ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN—The proceedings of this meeting of the Physicians and Surgeons of the City and County of New York, as directed by the laws of the State, having been delivered to your Secretary to be lodged in the office of the Clerk of this County, you are hereby "declared to be a body corporate and politic in

fact and in name, by the name of the Medical Society of the County of New York."

On this solemn occasion I hope I may be permitted to express to you the sentiments with which I am strongly impressed. I feel with much sensibility the proofs of your goodness in inviting me to aid you in your labors to establish in this city the first medical institution which has ever been carried into effect by the laws of this State.

The portion of duty which in this Society you have been pleased to allot to my share, is beyond my capacity to perform as I could wish. I shall, however, expect the aid and counsel of those of my fellow members, who, by their talents and usefulness, have gained respect and consideration; and I shall hope for indulgence from each of you, when it is considered that, in human affairs, defects are sometimes connected with the best intentions.

I trust it is solemnly impressed on the mind of every member of this institution that the powers which are delegated by the Legislature of this State in the Act for their incorporation, have been granted to promote in this city the honor and usefulness of the medical profession, which is intimately connected with the public good; and I feel a confidence that every gentleman in the exercise of his corporate duties will always be governed by the principles of moderation and justice.

There are high and important duties which the Society owe to the public from whom they derive their corporate existence; there are others, which they owe to their profession and themselves. In a learned and liberal profession few men yield a degree of temporary interest to the support of its dignity and honor without finding it to their ultimate advantage, and to bow with proper deference to the habits and opinions of the community is a part of prudence which we ought not to forget; by a generous and liberal exercise of power we conciliate the esteem and affection of the public.

As members of this Society we differ in age, in opportunities of education, and perhaps in mental endowments, yet there are few men without some portion of merit. We are brethren of the same profession, and by a liberal intercourse with each other,

we may increase our knowledge and become more useful to the public.

Hoping, with great sincerity, that this institution may be a blessing to the community, and that our labors and example may be useful to those who succeed us, I shall proceed with diffidence to execute the duties of the office you have been pleased to assign me.

MINUTES

OF THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

County of New York.

INCORPORATED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY,

MDCCCVI.

MINUTES.

At the first Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of of the County of New York, held at the City Hall, in the said County, on Monday, 7th of July, 1806,

After the President had declared the meeting of the Society constituted, the Secretary presented a certificate of his having lodged in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York the Proceedings of the Physicians and Surgeons convened to incorporate this Society, whereupon it was directed that the said certificate be filed by the Secretary.

The Secretary, Dr. Miller, expressed himself sensible of the honor conferred on him by this Society in appointing him their Secretary, but as it was inconvenient for him to perform the duties of that office, he begged the Society would accept his resignation. Whereupon it was—

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Edward Miller, the Secretary of this Society, be accepted.

On motion of Dr. Gardner Jones, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Archibald Bruce be appointed Secretary *pro tempore* to this Society, and he was appointed accordingly.

The President stated to the Society that he had consulted Mr. Thomas Addis Emmet, Counsellor at Law, respecting the Physicians and Surgeons who were comprehended in the law as constitutent members of this Society, and then presented a letter from Mr. Emmet containing his opinion on that subject. Whereupon it was—

Resolved, On motion of Dr. Hosack, "That all Physicians and Surgeons resident in the County of New York on the 1st Tuesday of July, 1806, and authorized by law, on or before that day, to practice their several professions, be declared *ipso facto et de jure* original members of this corporation."

And also—

"That all those Physicians and Surgeons who shall qualify themselves to practice their several professions under the law of this State, passed the 4th day of April, 1801, and which will continue in force until the 1st day of September next ensuing, be received as members of this corporation, they conforming to the By-Laws and regulations of the same."

It was also—

Resolved, On motion of Dr. Gamage, "That all Physicians and Surgeons resident in the County of Kings, or the County of Richmond, on the 1st Tuesday of July, 1806, and authorized by law on that day and before to practice in their several professions, be declared *ipso et de jure* original members of this corporation, provided no medical societies be incorporated in those counties."

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, it was—

Resolved, That the President be empowered to nominate and appoint all committees during the present meeting.

On motion of Dr. Smith, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make out the necessary diplomas for this Society.

Whereupon Dr. James Smith, the Hon. Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Dr. MacNeven, and Dr. Hosack, were appointed.

On motion of Dr. Smith, it was—

Resolved, To appoint a committee for devising an appropriate seal for this Society.

Whereupon the Hon. Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Smith, Dr. Hosack, Dr. Buxton, and Dr. Al. Anderson, were appointed.

The President stated that, conformably to the law for incorporating, they were directed to elect by ballot, at this Annual Meeting, a member of the Society to be a constituent member of the Medical Society of the State of New York. That they were also directed by the 6th section of said law to appoint, at this Annual Meeting, not less than three nor more than five Censors. And that the Society was without a Secretary. Whereupon it was—

Resolved, That five Censors be chosen, and that the Society proceed to elect the same, as likewise a Secretary and Delegate for the State Society, by ballot.

The President then appointed Dr. Anthon, Dr. Nesbitt, and Dr. Onderdonk, a Committee of Inspectors for said election, and who proceeded to hold the election accordingly, and afterward made a report in writing, with their respective signatures, by which it was declared that the Hon. Samuel L. Mitchell, M. D., was duly elected Delegate to represent this Society in the State Society of New York, and that Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, Dr. Wright Post, Dr. William Hamersley, Dr. James S. Stringham, and Dr. David Hosack, were duly elected Censors, and Dr. Archibald Bruce duly elected Secretary of this Society. Whereupon the President announced the election of the said Charter officers.

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a code of By-Laws for the Society, and present the same.

Whereupon Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Stringham, Dr. Felix Pascalis, Dr. Van Solingen, and Dr. J. E. R. Birch, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, it was—

Resolved, That Thomas Addis Emmet, Esq., Counsellor at Law, be retained as Counsel to this Society.

Whereupon the Vice-President, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. MacNevin, and Dr. Torbert, were appointed to wait on Mr. Emmet to express the wish of the Society to retain him as their counsel.

On motion of Dr. Gamage, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to correspond with the Physicians and Surgeons in those Counties in the neighborhood of New York who do not incorporate.

Whereupon Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Gamage, Dr. Proudfit, Dr. Borrowe, and Dr. R. Kissam, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to correspond with the other incorporated societies of this State.

Whereupon Hon. Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Miller, Dr. Birch, and Dr. Douglass, were appointed.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for regulating the charges in the practice of Physic and Surgery.

Whereupon Dr. Jones, Dr. Moore, Dr. Post, Dr. Miller, Dr. R. Kissam, Dr. Seaman, and Dr. Onderdonk, were appointed.

On motion of Dr. Torbert, it was—

Resolved, A committee be appointed to provide a suitable place for the meetings of this Society.

Whereupon Dr. Hosack, Dr. Torbert, Dr. Nesbitt, Dr. Secor, Dr. Van Beuren, Dr. Seaman, Dr. Chapman, Dr. Douglass, and Dr. Jacques, were appointed.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to engage a printer to print the By-Laws enacted at this Annual Meeting, and such proceedings of the Society as may be directed.

Whereupon the Censors and Dr. Torbert were appointed.

On motion—

Resolved, That the law passed to incorporate this Society, and the By-Laws enacted at this Annual Meeting, be printed, and that a committee be appointed to superintend the press.

Whereupon the Censors and Dr. Torbert were appointed.

The committee appointed to prepare a code of by-laws made a report under their respective signatures, which being read to to the Society, was afterwards taken into consideration. Whereupon the following code of by-laws was ordained and enacted conformably to the Charter of this Corporation:

BY-LAWS

Enacted at the first Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Section 1. The Anniversary Meeting of this Society shall be held on the first Monday in July in every year, and the Quarterly

Meetings shall be on the first Monday in October, January, and April, in every year.

Sec. 2. Extraordinary Meetings of this Society may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, at a request in writing signed by twenty members, which meetings shall be previously advertised for at least ten days by the Secretary, in two newspapers published in the City of New York.

Sec. 3. The Society may adjourn from day to day after their Anniversary, Quarterly or Extraordinary Meetings.

Sec. 4. Twenty-five members shall be a quorum to constitute the Society at their Stated or Extraordinary Meetings, and may then proceed to business.

Sec. 5. In the absence of the President, Vice-President, Censors and Treasurer, the senior member on the roll shall preside.

Sec. 6. In case of any pestilential disease prevailing in the City of New York, no member shall be obliged to attend any Stated or Extraordinary Meeting of the Society.

Sec. 7. The President and other officers of the Society shall constitute a Comitia Minora to meet on the last Wednesday in every month.

Sec. 8. The President shall be empowered to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Comitia Minora whenever he shall deem it necessary.

Sec. 9. The journal of the proceedings of the Comitia Minora shall be kept by the Secretary of the Society, which shall be laid before the Society at their Stated and Extraordinary Meetings.

Sec. 10. The Comitia Minora may make rules and regulations for themselves not inconsistent with the Charter and Bye Laws of this Corporation.

Sec. 11. The President or Vice-President, together with three Censors, may constitute a meeting of the Comitia Minora.

CHAPTER II.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sec. 1. At every Stated and Extraordinary Meeting of this

Society the roll shall be called by the Secretary after the President shall have declared the Society constituted.

Minutes of the last meeting shall be read.

The motions and other unfinished business of the last meeting concluded.

Miscellaneous business.

The last roll call.

Society adjourned.

CHAPTER III.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to preserve order and decorum in the same.

Sec. 2. The President shall perform the duties prescribed to him by law and the By-Laws and resolutions of the Society.

Sec. 3. The President shall nominate and appoint all committees for transacting the business of the Society, unless otherwise appointed by special resolution.

Sec. 4. He shall take the sense of the Society on every motion made and seconded, and he shall also have a casting vote in all transactions where the votes of the Society are equally divided.

CHAPTER IV.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall preside and perform all the duties of the President.

CHAPTER V.

DUTY OF THE CENSORS.

Sec. 1. The Censors shall perform all the duties prescribed by law, the By-Laws and resolutions of the Society.

Sec. 2. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the senior Censor on the list shall preside at the meetings of the Society.

CHAPTER VI.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary shall perform all the duties of his office as directed by law, the By-Laws and resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER VII.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall perform all the duties of his office as directed by law, the By-Laws and resolutions of the Society.

CHAPTER VIII.

DUTIES OF THE DELEGATE.

Sec. 1. The said Delegate shall perform all the duties prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. He shall support the honor and dignity of this Society.

Sec. 3. He shall obey all orders and resolutions of this Society which may be proper and consistent with his appointment.

CHAPTER IX.

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The ordinary members shall consist only of Physicians and Surgeons, as stated in the law for incorporating this Society.

Sec. 2. No person shall be a candidate after the 5th of September, unless he be a Physician or Surgeon according to the present and future laws of the State.

Sec. 3. Any Physician or Surgeon who shall become a member of this Society after the 5th of September, and shall abandon his profession and pursue some other calling in life, shall be considered as having vacated his seat in this Society.

Sec. 4. All members of this Society shall leave evidence of their having registered their diplomas or licenses to practice Physic or Surgery according to law, to be deposited in the archives, and shall sign the By-Laws on or before the 1st of September, 1806.

Sec. 5. Every member who signs the By-Laws and regulations of this Society shall designate in Latin or English the County, State or Country of his birth, and the medical rank or station now or formerly held by him.

Sec. 6. Every member shall observe order and decorum in the Society, and shall pay proper respect to the President and other officers as well as to their fellow members.

Sec. 7. It is considered the duty of every member of this Society to support the honor and dignity of the medical profession, and to execute the duties of his profession with justice and propriety.

CHAPTER X.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. No Physician or Surgeon can be admitted a member of this Society unless he has attained the age of twenty-two years.

Sec. 2. Every candidate shall be proposed at one Stated Meeting and balloted for at the next, and if he shall have a majority of votes of the members present at such Stated Meeting, he shall become a member of the Society.

CHAPTER XI.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The Governor and Chancellor of the State and the Mayor of the City of New York for the time being, shall be

ex-officio honorary members of this Society, and shall have all the privileges of ordinary members, except that they shall not vote at elections.

CHAPTER XII.

LICENSES FOR PRACTICE.

Sec. 1. All persons who are to be licensed for practice of Physic and Surgery shall be recommended by the Comitia Minora at one of the Stated Meetings of the Society, and shall subject themselves to such ceremonies as the Comitia Minora shall approve and direct.

CHAPTER XIII.

FINES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sec. 1. A member shall be fined twenty-five cents for every roll call from which he shall have been absent.

Sec. 2. The annual contributions of each member of this Society shall be fixed at three dollars, to be collected by the Treasurer after every Anniversary Meeting.

The undersigned have agreeably to the By-Laws of the Medical Society of the County of New York subscribed their names and annexed thereto the medical station or rank now or formerly held:

NICHOLAS ROMAYNE.—In Medicina Doctor, Diplomate Academiae Edinburgenae consesso, Societatis Medicae Comitatus Novi Eboraci, legibus Reipublicae institutae, Praeses. Collegii Regii Medicorum Edinburgensis Socius, Collegii Regii Medicorum Londinensis Permissus. Regiae Societatis Medicae et Societatis Regiae Physicae, quae sunt Edinburgi, Sodalis. In Nosocomiis Regis Britanniarum et Valetudinario publico Edinburgeo quondam Adjutor. In Universitate Reipublicae Novi Eboraci olim Medicinae Professor, ut et Eleemosynario publico Urbis Neo-Eboraci Medicus Ordinarius. In Comitatu Neo-Eboracensi Natus.

JAMES TILLARY.—Vice-President of the Medical Society of the County of New York, and late Resident Physician of the State of New York.

WRIGHT POST, *Censor.*—Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in Columbia College, and one of the Surgeons of the New York Hospital.

WILLIAM HAMERSLEY, M. D., *Censor.*—Professor of Theory and Practice of Physic in Columbia College, New York, and one of the Physicians of the Hospital of the same place.

JACOBUS S. STRINGHAM.—Artium Liberalium Magister Collegii Columbiani; In Medicina Doctor, Diplomate Academiae Edinburgensis concesso; Societatis Regiae Physicae Edinburgensis Praeses Annuus, Chemicae nec non Medicinae Legalis Collegii Columbiani Professor; Societatis Medicae Comitatus Novi Eboraci legibus Reipublicae constitutae Censor, Reg. Phys. Soc. Edin. Socius Honorarius.

JOANNES R. B. RODGERS, *Censor.*—M. B. Philad. & Med. Doctor in Universitate Edinburgensi:—à Secretis Facultatis Med. et Medicinae Professor in Collegio Columbiano—Usus Medicinar. nosocom. Novi Eborac.; plurium Societat. Medicinae Sodalis et Socius Honorarius; et ad officium Sanatatis Portus Novi Eboraci primus pertinens.

SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, *Legatus.*—In Medicina Doctor Edinburgensis Societat. Med. Hist. Natural. Regiae Philosophicae et Antiquariorum apud Scotos Socius: Societatis Medicae Londinensis Sodalis; alma in matre Columbiana quae Novi Eboraci est artium Magister, et ibidem nuper de re herbaria Praelector, atque Medicinae, Chemiae et Agriculturae Professor: Nosocomii Urbani Medicus: Acad. Art. et Scient. et Societat. Histor. quae sunt Bostoniae; Societat. American. Philosoph. quae inter Philadelphienses extat, et Societat. Oeconomicae quae in Albania viget, membrum: Societat. Med. Comitatus Neo-Eboracencis Legatus juxta Collegium Reipublicae Centrale:—Natus in Commitatu Queens. intra Urbem Hempstead.

DAVID HOSACK, M. D., *Censor.*—Materiae Medicae et Rei Herbariae in Collegio Columbiano Professor. Collegii Medic. Philadelph. Socius. Societatis Linnaeani quae est Londini Sodalis. Regiae Societatis Medicae et Regiae Physicae quae sunt Edinburgi Socius Honorarius. Nosocom urban. nuper medicus.

VALENTINE SEAMAN, M. D., *Treasurer.*—One of the surgeons of the New York Hospital.

ARCHIBALDUS BRUCE, M. D., *Secretarius.*—Societatis Regiae Medicae Edinburgensis Socius.

JACOBUS SMITH.—Artium Liberalium Baccalauriatus Collegii, Nassau Hall, in Neo Coesario. In Medicina Doctor, Diplomate Almae Academiae Lugduni Batavorum comisso. In Collegio Regio Novi Eboraci Chemiae et Materiae Medicae olim Professor Primarius, eodemque Collegio Scholae Medicae Fundator, atque Noscomii Comitatus (Surry dicti) in Agro Brittanorum ad Insanias curandas nuper Medicus Delegatus.

GEORGIUS C. ANTHON.

A. BAINBRIDGE.

G. JONES, M. D.—Comm'r of Health.

P. TURNER.—Physician & Surg'n Gen'l of the late Revolutionary war.

SAMUEL NESBITT, SEN'R.—Native of Great Britain—& Assistant Surgeon in His Brittannic Majesty's Service in the year 1764 to 1769.

JOHN HICKS.

JOHN ONDERDONK.—Surg'n to the Reg't Militia Coun'y N. York.

GULIELMAS MOORE.—In Medicina Doctor ex auctoritate Collegii Jacobi Sexti Regis Scotorum quod est Edinburgi—Societatis Regiae Medicae Edinensis Socius—Societatis Regiae Physicae Edinensis Socius Honorarius.

JOANNES GAMAGE.—Surg. to Reg: Cont. N. York.

CHARLES BUXTON, M. D.—Born in Derbyshire, England.

FELIX PASCALIS.—Ab Aquis Sextiis, Collegii Regii Bonbonii atque Universitatis Gallo Provinciae Alumnus: Artium Majister atque Med. Bacalaureas: Civis Americanus, Philadelphiensis Medicae Academiae Sodalis, ibidemque Societatis Medicae Socius Honorarius: Connecticutensis Medicae Soc. quae Novo-portu Floret comes: Jampridem Sanitatis Officii Gentis Pennsylvanorum Medicus et Quinquevir, Nozocomii & peste Laborantium Medicus Diarius; Chemicae Societatis Proprœses atque Professor; Nuperrimeq. Med. Societ. Carolopolis—Caroliniensium Honorarius, &c.

HENRICUS M. VAN SOLINGEN.—In Medicina Doctor, Eleemosynario publico in Civitate Novi Eboraci olim Adjutor.

GULI: JACOB: MAC NEVEN.—Medicinae Doctor, Universitatis Vindebonensis Socius, Collegii regii Medicorum Londinensis Permissus, Academiae regiae Hiberniensis Socius & Academiae Columbianae Neo-Eboracensis Socius.

LIBERTUS VAN BOKKELEN.

GEORGE W. CHAPMAN.—Member of the Medical Society of Connecticutt.

ALEXANDER T. WERTHEYNE.—Chirurgus ex auctoritate Collegii Medici Provinciae Surinam.

DANIEL PROUDFIT.—Medicinae Doctor Edinburgensis.

JAS. HORNIDGE.

JAMES PHILLIP FISHER.—Artium Liberalium Bacchaloriatus et in Legionibus et Navibus longis Republicae Chir. Adj'r.

SAMUEL TORBERT.—Late Surgeon in the American Army.

GUALTERUS W. BUCHANAN.—Medicinae Doctor, Universitatis Glasguensis, Societatis Regiae Physicae Edinburgensis Socius, et olim Chirurg. in Navibus longis Reipublicae, and one of the physicians to New York Dispensary and Humane Society.

JOANNES CLARK.—In Medicina Doctor Collegii Regini in Nova Cæsaria.

ARMAND LUGARDE.—Medicinae Doctor et Chirurgus.

GAETANO DE ANGELIS.—Medicinae Doc'r et Chirurgus auctoritate Collegii quod est Neopoli.

JNO: NEILSON.—In Medicina Doctor. Olim Legionibus Reipublicae Chirurgus.

ANDREAS JACOBUS DE YONG.

J. E. R. BIRCH.

DANIEL B. CORNELIUS.

JOHN SEE.

RICHARDUS L. WALKER.—In Medicina Doctor et ad Forenses Carceres Medicus Titularius.

GULI: BARROW, M. D.

WALTER TAYLOR.—Late Surgeon in the Navey of his Majesty's George III. the King of G. B.

JOHN REGAN.

MICHAEL DEGRAY.

ROBT: JOHNSTON.

JOHN W. ZEISS.—Late Surgeon in the Military Hospital of His Serene Highness the Prince of Hesse Cassel.

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JOEL HART.—Medicinae Doctor, Collegii Regii Chirurgorum Londinensis Socius et Regiae Societatis Medicae Edinensis Sodalis.

BENJAMINUS HICKS.

MALACHI FOOT.—Artium Liberalium Majister Collegii Yalensis.

BENJAMIN ROCKWELL, M. D.—Surgeon 5th Reg't N. Y.

GEORGE CUMING.

SAMUEL HENRY.—Botanicus.

JOHN D. GILLESPIE.

ISAAC KIPP.—Late Assistant Surgeon in the Navy of U. S.

FREDERIC GRAHAM.

LEMUEL MERRITT.

HILLABRANT LOZIER.

R. THORN.

W. STILLWELL.—Surg'n first Reg't Jersey Brigade & member N. Jersey Medical Society of New Jersey.

JOSHUA SECOR.

SMITH CUTTER.

JOHN STONE.—Fellow Massachusett's Medical Society.

ABRAHAMUS BROWER.—In Medicina Doctor, olim in Eleemosynario urbano adjutor.

WILLIAM TURK.

JOHN H. DOUGLASS.—Late Surgeon of the United States Army & Marine Physician to the Port of New York.

NICHOLAS I. QUACKENBOS.—M. D. et ad Ferriterium Publicum Medicus.

ABRAHAM LOZIER.

JAMES WILSON.

MATTHEW WENDELL.—H. Member Philad'a Med. Society.

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THO: BOYD.

JOHN SCOTT.

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JOHN WILSON.

RUFUS A. BURRITT.

STEPHEN DEMPSEY.

V. A. SERVANT GRANGEAE.—Montpeliensis universitatis Doctor nec non regius Sancti Domingui nosocomiorum medicus.

H: P: SERVANT LAFAYE.—Surgeon in the French armies.

SILAS LORD.

CHES. GUERIN.—Physician of the 1st class in the Hospitals of St. Domingo.

[Name illegible.]—Physician of the 1st class in the Hospitals of St. Domingo.

LEWIS BEEBEE.—Surgeon to a Regiment in the American Revolutionary war in the Years 1776 and 1777.

BENJAMIN R. ROBSON, M. D.

DAN'L D. WALTERS.

JOSEPH G. T. HUNT.—Surgeon in the Navy of U. S.

WILLIAM LITTLE.

W. BURRELL.

ANDREW HUNT.—One of the Physicians to the State Prison.

EDWARD MILLER, M. D., &c.

ISAAC BALL.—Assistant Surgeon in his Britanic Majesty's General Hospitals in America from the Year 1777 to 1783.

ANTH'Y L. ANDERSON.

JACOB BOOS.

WM. KNOWLES.

ELOY BERGER.

AMOS KING.

SAM'L NESBITT, JUN'R.

HENRY C. KUNZE.

JOTHAM POST, JUN'R, M. D.

SAM'L WATKINS, M. D.

SAMUEL BRADHURST.

WM. MCINTOSH.

CHARLES MEYER.

DANIEL LORD.

JOHN HUYLER.—One of the Physicians of the New York Dispensary.

DANIEL DAYTON.—Ulster County, State of New York.

ALEXIS DECARANDEFFEZ, A. M.

JOS. BAYLEY, M. D.—Assistant to the Health Officer of the Port of New York.

JOHN BETTS, JUN'R, M. D.

WILLIAM A. MEYER.

JEAN LEQUIEVIE.—Late Chief Physican of the Hospital de St. St. Jacques, Paris.

SAMUEL GUTHRIE.

BENJAMIN LOWE.—Late Apothecary to the New York Dispensary.

SAM'L BROADHURST.

PETER LAWRENCE.

BENJAMIN BUTLER.

BEEKMAN M. VAN BEUREN.

JOHN W. COVENTRY.

GIDEON HUMPHREY.—Late Assistant Surgeon in the Navy of the U. S. Born in the State of Connecticut, Hartford County.

JOHN MCFARLANE.—Formerly Physician to the Bellevue Hospital during the Yellow Fever of 1795: "96.

BENJAMIN PRINCE.

JAMES R. MANLEY.

SAM. R. MARSHALL.

GEORGE A. CLUSSMANN.

SAM. OSBORN.—Late assistant to the Health officer N. Y. in 1797 & Surgeon American Artilery.

VALENTINE MOTT, M. D.—Professor of Surgery in Columbia College, & Corresponding Member Medical Society of of London.

SAMUEL WHEELER.—Member of a Medical Society in the State of Vermont.

ALEX'R HOSACK, M. D.

J. W. KOSTNER, M. D.

THOMAS COCK, M. D.

WILLIAM W. MINER.

GILS SMITH.

CHARLES BALL.

JOHN C. OSBORN.

PETER A. MILLSPAUGH.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER STROEBEL.

RICH'D S. KISSAM, M. D.

JOHN WATTS, JUR., M. D., S. R. M. Soc.

HENRICUS U. ONDERDONK.—M. D. & Coll. Reg. Chir. Lond. Soc.

GULIELMUS M. ROSS, M. D.

SAMUEL W. MOORE, M. D.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, M. D.—Late one of the Censors County Richmond.

JOSEPH TROWBRIDGE, M. D.—Late Surg. 13th Reg't U. S. Army.

ROBRET BAYARD, M. D.—D. C. L. &c.

HENRY FISH.

GEORGE DAVIS.

JAMES L. PHELPS.

GERARDUS A. COOPER, M. D.—One of the Phys. N. Y. City Dispensary: Fellow of Coll. Phys. & Surgs. N. York.

JOSHUA FISHER, M. D.—Late Surgeon in His Britannic Majesty's Royal Navy.

MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

JOHN W. FRANCIS, M. D.—Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine, and the Materia Medica in the Coll. of Physicians & Surgeons N. York. Member of the New York Historical Society, of the Society of Useful Arts at Albany, &c. &c. &c.

CASPAR WISTAR EDDY, M. D.—Member of the New York Historical Society; of the Society for the promotion of useful Arts, Albany, &c. &c.

GUY BAYLEY.—One of the Physicians to the N. Y. City Dispensary.

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LYMAN SPALDING, M. D.—President of the College of Physicans & Surgeons of the western district of New York.

PETER C. TAPPEN.—Member of the Duches Med. Society.

SAM'L G. MOTT.

ALEX'R H. STEVENS, M. D.—Of the University of Pennsylvania. Hon. Mem. of Med. Soc: of Philadelphia. Member of the Med. Soc; of Emulation of Paris—Lecturer Prof. of Principles & Practice of Surgery in the Med. Inst. of New York.

NEHEMIAH BRUSH, JU'R.—Member of the Suffolk Medical Society.

STEPHEN D. BEEKMAN.—Late Surgeon 13th U. S. Infantry.

JAMES SYKES.—Confederatum Civitatum Americae est indigena. In Civitate Delaweri natus fuit. Nunc est, atque ab originali instituto Medicorum Societatis, in ista civitate, fuit Sodalis. Per multos annos Honorarius societatis praefectus fuit civitateque decedens mutatis erat propraeses.

J. M. SCOTT MCKNIGHT.—One of the Physicians to the N. York Dispensary: Licentiate of the Med'l Soc'y County of N. York; Surgeon to the 1st Reg't N. York State Artilery &c &c.

THOS. W. MONTGOMERY.—Birth, State of N. Jersey: Member of the Medical Society of the P. State, diploma in Philadelphia &c.

EGO T. T. A. CORTILLI.—Liguriae natus anno millesimo Septuagentesimo Sexagesimo octavo Romae, studio literarum operam dedi, deinde artem medico-chirurgicam incubui in magno Xenodochio inditae urbis Florentiae, et laurea doctorali atque chirurgica insignitus ex Collegio Medico Chirurgicorum-Pharmacopolarum, et Pisae Lyceo comprobatus fui, et electus Magister in eodem Xenodochio. Per triennium Gallia deinceps in America Meridionale per plurimos annos, et postremum per triennium in ista egregia civitate honore dictus, et probitate in unaquaque urbe Medico-Chirurgicam exercui.
Novi Eboraci VIII KAL. Quintilis. AD. MDCCCXVI.

JABEZ H. HEUSTIS, M. D.

BENJ. P. KISSAM, M. D.—Surgeon U. S. Navy &c.

AUGUSTUS R. GRIFFEN, M. D.—Ass. Surg. G. G. &c.

ISRAEL HALLOCK.—Surg. 106 Reg't 10th Brigade Infty. N. Y.

——— BARBIEUX, D. M.

THOMAS WILLIAM HUNTER.—Licentiate of the College of Physicians & Surgery Glasgow—Great Britain—Lecturer on Chemistry.

EDW'D DELAFIELD, M. D.

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JOHN B. BECK, M. D.

AM'H WRIGHT.—Member of the Dutches Medical Society.

CHAS. DRAKE, M. D.—Phys. of the New York Alms-house.

JAMES KENT PLATT, M. D.—Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

FAYETTE COOPER.—One of the Physicians of the N. York City Dispensary.

JOHN STEARNS, M. D.—President of the State Medical Soc.

GEO. HERRIOT.—Licentiate of the State of New Jersey.

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JOHN WAGNER, M. D.—Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

ANSEL W. IVES, M. D.

NICOLL H. DERING, M. D.—Born on Shelter Island, State of New York.

WINSLOW WARREN, M. D.

FLOYD T. FERRIS.—Licentiate of Brunswick, N. J.

CORNELIUS CAMDEN BLATCHLY.—Licentiate of the State of New Jersey.

EBENEZER SPENCER BLATCHLY.—Licentiate of the State of New York.

WM. F. QUITMAN, M. D.

W. F. PIATT.—Licentiate of the State of New Jersey.

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AND'R. BUCKHAM, M. D.

HUGH SWEENY, M. D.

RICH'D SEAMAN.

OTHO MONROY, M. D.—Member of the Medical Society of Goettingen Kingdom of Hanover and lately army Physician in H. Britanic Majesty's German Legions.

ALEX'R CLINTON, M. D.

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SAMUEL MACAULEY, M. D.

WM. F. SEAMAN, M. D.

JAMES SEAMAN, M. D.

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J. HANSON, M. D.—Member of the Medical Society of Rensalaer Co.

ELBRIDGE G. DUNNEL.—Member of the Medical Society in the County of Greene.

DAVID RODGERS, M. D.—Member of the Westchester Co. Medical Society and at his removal to this City President of the same.

JAMES E. DE KAY, M. D.—Member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

STEPHEN BROWN.—Late resident Surgeon of New York's Alms House.

DAVID B. BROOKS, M. D.

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JOHN S. CONGER, A. M.

JACOB OSTROM.

EGERTON L. WINTHROP, M. D.

WILLIAM HIBBARD, JUN'R.—Licentiate of Med. Soc. Co. N. York 12 March. 1821.—M. D. by honorary Degree from Rutgers Med. College '29.

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FRANCIS U. JOHNSTON, M. D.

CHRISTOPHER C. YATES.—Late Health Officer of the Port of Albany & Pres't of the Albany County Med. Society.

JOHN W. WEED.—Licentiate of the New York State Medical Society.

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RICHARD VER MEULE.

JOHN DAVIS.

RICHARD PENNELL, M. D.

ANDREW HAMERSLEY, M. D.—Born in the City of New York.

JER: VAN RENSSELAER, M. D.—Born in the Co. of Rensselaer. Member of the Roy'l Medical Soc'y, Edin.

J. R. RAVUL, D. M. P.—Born in the suburb of Phidihen in France; corresponding member of the soc. of Madrid, Cadiz, Brussels, fellow member of the Med: Soc. of Havana and adjoint to the phys. Med. Soc. of New Orleans.

CHAS. CLEVE, M. D.—Born in the County of Midlothean, City of Edinburgh, Scotland; Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of New York.

ZEB. W. SEAMAN.—Born in the County of Queens, L. I.

BENJAMIN MCVICKAR, M. D.—Born in New York.

JOHN L. SUCKLEY, M. D.—Born in Baltimore, Md.

GEO. B. TAYLOR, M. D.—Born in Philadelphia, Pa.

SAMUEL H. SMITH, M. D.—Born in London.

EDWARD G. LUDLOW, M. D.—Born in New York.

ELIJAH MEAD, M. D. &c.—Born in Mass'tts.

HAMPTON DUNHAM.—Physician & Surgeon. Born in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, State of N. Jersey—Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of N. York, of the Medico Physical Society of New York & Member of the Medical Society of Morris County of the State of New Jersey: late Reg'l Surgeon in the service of the U. States.

WILLIAM ROCKWELL, M. D.—Born in New York—Afterwards Health Officer of the Port of N. York—Resident Physician of the City of New York and Commissioner of Health and Gen'l Agent of the Board of Health—President of this Society.

ALBERT SMITH, M. D.—Born West Chester Co. N. Y.—Graduate of the University of the State of New York.

WASH'N MURRAY, M. D.—New York.

J. H. GORMAN, M. D.—Ireland.

G. VAN DOREN.—Licentiate of New Jersey, Somerset County, New Jersey.

JOSEPH C. ARNOLD, M. D.—New Jersey.

J. I. INGERSOLL, M. D.—Connecticutt.

ARCH'D B. SIMPSON, M. D.—Ireland.

WM. GRAYSON, M. D.—Native of Virginia, graduate of Phila.

MARINUS WILLETT, JUNR. M. D.—New York.

JOHN BELL, M. D.—New Hampshire.

F. G. KING, M. D. of New York.

J. W. DUVALL, M. D. of New York.

W. G. REYNOLDS.—Late president of the Medical Society of the State of New Jersey.

MARCUS SEARS, M. D.—New York.

CHANDLER R. GILMAN, M. D.—Ohio.

HUDSON KINSLEY, M. D.—Connecticutt.

CLARK WRIGHT, M. D.—Massachusetts.

FRANCIS O. DOUCET.—Three Rivers, L. C.

JOHN HILLS, M. D.—Newhampshire.

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ELIAS WOLF, M. D.—Universitatis Goettingensis, natus Francofurti ad Moenum, in Germania.

MARTYN PAINE, M. D.

JOHN B. LORING, M. D.—City & County of New York.

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BENJ'N B. COIT, M. D.—Philad. Nat.: Conn:

JOHN J. GRAVES, M. D.—New York.

GEO. ACKERLEY.—England. Ohio M. Society.

JOHN TRENOR, M. D.—New York. Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM POWERS, M. D.—University S. of N. York.

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JOHN D. GOODMAN, M. D.—Baltimore, Md.

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A. E. HOSACK, M. D.—Philadelphia.

RICH'D K. HOFFMAN, M. D.—New York.

P. VAN ARSDALE.—Somerset County, New Jersey.

JOSEPH LEO-WOLF, M. D.—Universitatis Berolinensis, natus Hamburgensis.

GOTTLIELF MÖHRING, M. D.—Universitatis Berolinensis, natus Gedanensis.

MATTHEW MCILVAINE, M. D.—Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

A. VAN GELDER, M. D.—University of New York.

At a meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York held at the City Hall on the 4th of August, 1806, Dr. Hamersley, on the part of the committee for publishing the By-Laws of the Society, gave notice that they were ready for delivery.

On motion—

Resolved, That every member on signing the By-Laws be furnished with a copy of the same. That 150 copies be delivered to the chairman of the committee of correspondence with the physicians and surgeons of the neighboring counties who do not incorporate.

Dr. Mitchell's report as chairman of the committee to devise a seal for the Society was read by the Secretary.

Dr. Buxton, one of the committee, gave in a design, as likewise did the Secretary on the part of Dr. Smith, one of the said committee.

Dr. Mitchell's report and design being considered, were adopted.

On motion—

The seal was ordered to be engraved. Whereupon the said committee was appointed to cause the seal to be engraved. Dr. Buxton declining to serve, Dr. Onderdonk was appointed in his place.

Motion was made by Dr. Seaman—

That this Society express to the regents of the University, and trustees of the colleges in this State, their disposition to favor the promotion of medical science, and the same being approved by the Society, Dr. Seaman, Dr. Miller, Dr. Bruce, were appointed a committee on the part of the Society.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the City Hall, October 6th, 1806.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain propositions presented by Dr. Stringham were ordered to lie over for the consideration of the members.

Dr. Stringham presented certain documents stating that Valentine Mott, Philip A. Millspaugh, and Shadrach Ricketson, had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term, and in the manner prescribed by the XIII. Section of the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and the same being separately considered by the Society were approved, and the candidates being recommended to the Society by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to examine the said candidates according to the VI. Section of the law before stated.

The Censors having completed the examination of the candidates before named, they presented a report to the Society under their respective signatures, stating that Valentine Mott, Shadrach Ricketson, and Philip A. Millspaugh, had been carefully and impartially examined by them, that they were severally well qualified to practice physic and surgery, and entitled from their knowledge in the healing art and good moral characters to be invested with the privileges of practicing physic and surgery, and the said candidates being severally approved by the Society, it was decreed that the President should declare the same as their act and will.

The candidates being introduced to the Society by the Censors, were addressed by the President, and invested with the

privileges of practicing physic and surgery, and the rights and immunities usually enjoyed by physicians and surgeons, the candidates having previously consented to the medical obligation directed by the laws of the Society.

The President having left the chair, Dr. Post, as senior Censor, presided.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President's address be published in the *American Citizen*, *Evening Post*, and *Morning Chronicle*.

Drs. Valentine Mott, Shadrach Ricketson, and Ph: A. Millspaugh, were proposed as ordinary members of this Society.

Society adjourned to the 20th instant.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on the 20th October, 1806.

The roll being called, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following propositions presented to the Society at the last meeting by Dr. Stringham were again read by the Secretary:

Whereas, It highly concerns the reputation and usefulness of the Medical Society of the County of New York, and is essential to the carrying into effect the true intent and meaning of the Act of the Legislature from which they derive their corporate institution and powers, to use their best endeavors to promote the progress of medical science, and of all other sciences which are subservient and auxiliary to medicine.

Whereas, The City of New York in the amount of population, wealth and commerce, and in the facility of communication with other parts of the United States and with foreign countries, possess great advantages for the cultivation of all the branches of natural history, of anatomy, whether human, comparative or morbid, of the principles and practice of chemistry, and generally of all the departments of science which are related to the practice of physic and surgery, as well as for the collection and preservation of all such improvements, discoveries or other communications as research, experience and observation may produce. And

Whereas, A systematic arrangement and distributions of the

pursuits and exertions of the members of this Society will be conducive to the success of their labors, and to the consolidation and permanence of the benefits resulting therefrom. Therefore

Resolved, That the President of this Society be requested to appoint committees of such members severally as he may judge to be expedient, whose attention shall be respectively directed to the following objects, viz.: Natural History, Anatomy and Surgery, Midwifery, Chemistry, Botany, Materia Medica, Institutes and Practice of Physic, Formation of a Library, Collection, Arrangement and Preservation of a Museum, Receiving Donations and Communications, and Making Reports to the Society thereon, Superintending a Periodical Publication of the Transactions of the Society, Considering and Reporting on the best means of Promoting Professional Improvements, and Extending Mutual Instruction in Medicine.

The said propositions being taken into consideration, it was resolved that the Society do approve of the same, and the President was directed to appoint committees for the purposes aforesaid, and that the committees so appointed be requested to proceed to execute the duties respectively assigned them, whereupon the President appointed the committees so directed, as follows, viz.:

NATURAL HISTORY.—Archibald Bruce, Samuel L. Mitchell, Edward Miller, Servant Lafaye, Benjamin Prince, John Stone, Amos King, Andrew Hunt, Alexander Anderson.

ANATOMY AND SURGERY.—George C. Anthon, Wright Post, Richard Kissam, David Hosack, Valentine Seaman, William Barrow, Servant Grangeae, Richard L. Walker.

MIDWIFERY.—William Moore, Valentine Seaman, David Hosack, Richard Kissam, Henry M. Van Solingen, Andrew Morton, John Riddell, William McIntosh, James Wilson.

CHEMISTRY. — Samuel L. Mitchell, James S. Stringham, Alexis Decarandeffez, Valentine Seaman, Felix Pascalis, Servant Grangeae, Andrew Morton, Malachi Foot, Michael Degraw, John Leymerie.

BOTANY.—David Hosack, Samuel L. Mitchell, Archibald Bruce, Alexis Decarandeffez, Jotham Post, James S. Stringham, Samuel Henry.

MATERIA MEDICA.—Samuel Nesbitt, Samuel Bradhurst, Samuel Watkins, Philip D. Keteltas, Jotham Post, Daniel Hitchcock, John McFarlane, Anthony L. Anderson, Benjamin Kissam, Benjamin Hicks, Abraham Brower, John W. Zeiss.

INSTITUTES AND PRACTICE OF PHYSIC.—William Hamersley, William Moore, Felix Pascalis, Eloy Berger, John Onderdonk, Joshua E. R. Birch, John Nelson, Daniel Proudfit, Nicholas I. Quackenbos.

LIBRARY.—Edward Miller, Wright Post, William Hamersley, David Hosack, James S. Stringham, John McFarlane, William Turk, Joel Hart.

MUSEUM.—Samuel L. Mitchell, Archibald Bruce, David Hosack, James S. Stringham, George Anthon, Wright Post, Alexis Decarandeffez, Eloy Berger, Servant Lafaye.

DONATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.—John H. Coventry, Philip Turner, Charles Buxton, Robert Thorn, John H. Douglas, Joshua Secor, Daniel Walters, John Leymerie, Ezekiel Ostrander, George W. Chapman.

PUBLICATION. — William J. McNeven, John D. Gillespie, Joseph Bloodgood, Walter W. Buchanan, Henry L. Van Solingen.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.—James Smith, Edward Miller, William Moore, David Hosack, Charles Guerin, John Gamage, John D. Jacques.

A communication from Dr. King respecting the Poplar Worm was read, and referred to the Committee of Natural History.

Dr. Smith, as Chairman of the Committee of Diplomas, reported certain drafts of diplomas, which were read and ordered to be recommitted.

The committee appointed to superintend the engraving of a seal for the Society was directed to make such alterations in the design as they might think proper, and have the same executed and presented to the Society.

Dr. Hosack, from the committee for providing a suitable place for the meeting of the Society, reported that the corporation had granted the Health Office and any large room in the City Hall for the meeting of the Society, provided the same were not

at the time of such meeting previously occupied for other public purposes, and the Library Room might be for the permanent use of the Society.

Dr. Proudfit presented certain resolutions relative to pointed Empiricism, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

It was ordained that the hour of the Stated Meetings of the Society should be at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. Alexander Hosack was proposed as a member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1807.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called. The Society proceeded to ballot for Dr. Valentine Mott, Shadrach Ricketson, P. A. Millspaugh, and Alexander Hosack, who were severally duly elected members of the Society.

A letter from Dr. Donovan, a physician under disease and pecuniary distress, was read by the Secretary, whereupon the President appointed Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Stringham, and Dr. Bruce, a committee to inquire into the circumstances and situation of the said Dr. Donovan, and to adopt such measures for his relief as they may deem expedient.

Dr. Henry presented a paper on the use of ——————— in tumors, which being read was referred to the Committee of Materia Medica.

Dr. Smith, as Chairman of the Committee on Diplomas, presented certain forms of diplomas, which being read were referred to the President to make such election as he should think proper.

On motion of Dr. Onderdonk, it was—

Resolved, That the President should cause an appropriate seal to be executed for the Society.

Baron Decarandeffez presented a paper in French respecting the adulteration of medicines, which being read was referred to Dr. Pascalis to be translated, and to be reported on by the Committee of Chemistry.

Dr. G. Jones, as Chairman on the Committee on Charges, re-

ported on the impropriety of the Society taking cognizance of medical charges, or making any regulations respecting the same, and the same was approved by the Society.

Society adjourned.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the City Hall, on the 13th day of February, 1807.

The Society being constituted, and the roll called.

It was, on motion—

Resolved, That this Society unite in an application to the Legislature of the State for the use of the Government House for this Society, in conjunction with the Library Company, the Academy of Arts, and the Historical Society.

And the same being approved, Dr. Torbert, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Bruce, were appointed a committee to confer with the committees of the other institutions respecting said application.

The Committee of By-Laws made a report, which was left for consideration.

It was, on motion—

Resolved, That all members above sixty years of age be exempt from fines.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society do adjourn from day to day until the committee of application be ready to report on the same, and that notice be given in the newspapers respecting the same.

The President having been authorized to cause an appropriate seal to be executed for the Society, directed that the seal of the Society be as reported by Dr. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose of devising a seal, and the said seal as devised and reported by Dr. Mitchell has been accordingly engraved on wood by Dr. Anderson, the original design being hereunto annexed.

Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Thursday, the 19th day of February, 1807.

Society constituted.

Roll called.

Proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President presented to the Society a paragraph of a letter addressed to him from the Hon'ble Dr. Mitchell:

"Should the Medical Society of the County of New York wish to be represented in the convention, it is my wish that they should appoint another person in my stead, and I hereby authorize that measure." Whereupon it was proposed to appoint a pro-delegate and commissioner to the Medical Society of the State.

On previous motion, however, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Mitchell's letter be considered as a resignation, and that a new delegate be chosen in his stead.

Whereupon a committee were appointed to superintend an election by ballot of a delegate and commissioner from this Society to the Medical Society of the State.

Dr. Stringham, Dr. Hosack, and Dr. Torbert, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Dr. Stringham, from the Committee of Election, reported that Dr. N. Romayne, the President, was duly elected.

The President then addressed the Society, and accepted the appointment. The following draft of a commission for the delegate was read by the Secretary, viz.:

"*To all whom these presents may come or in any wise concern.*

"Know ye that we, the Medical Society of the County of New York, having full faith and confidence in A. B., have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint him, the said A. B., to be our Delegate and Commissioner to the Medical Society of the State of New York, giving him full power to attend to the interest of this Society and of the medical profession, so far as may be connected with the public good.

"In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed the seal of our Society, testified by
[L. S. A.] our Secretary this —— day of ———, in the year 1807.

"———— ————, *Secretary.*"

On motion—

Resolved, That the aforesaid commission be approved, and that the name of the delegate elect be inserted therein, and that

the Secrerary affix the seal of the Society thereto and testify the same.

Dr. Torbert, from the committee to confer with the committees appointed by the Academy of Arts, the Historical Society, and Library Company, reported that it would be proper to apply to the legislature, in conjunction with the above named societies, for the use of the Government House as a depository of the arts and a place of science, and that in their opinion the committee should be directed to sign a memorial in conjunction with the other committees to the legislature.

The committee were also of opinion that it might insure success in obtaining the use of the Government House for this Society, if the Society were incorporated as a college of physicians and surgeons in connection with the regents of the University of this State.

Whereupon it was stated by different members of the Society, that the said committee were no ways authorized to recommend the incorporating the Society into a college of physicians and surgeons, and a motion was made that the Society disapprove the report of said committee.

Dr. Smith then moved the previous question, that it be—

Resolved, That this Society apply by memorial to the Honorable the Legislature of this State to incorporate this Society into a College of Physicians and Surgeons as a part of the University of this State; and that also a memorial be presented to the Regents requesting them to aid this Society in their views to be incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons.

And the question being taken it was carried in the affirmative.

A motion was made to postpone the application to the Honorable the Legislature to a future meeting. Upon the question being taken, it was carried in the negative.

A motion was then made that the Society do adjourn, and the question being put, it was carried in the negative.

The following draft of a memorial to the Honorable the Legislature was read to the Society, viz.:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened.

The memorial of the Medical Society of the County of New York respectfully sheweth:

I. That the physicians and surgeons residing in the County of New York, and authorized by law to practice in their several professions, did incorporate on the first Tuesday in July last, according to the Act of April 4th, 1806, for Incorporating Medical Societies.

II. That the Medical Society of the County of New York at present consists of one hundred and thirty-nine members.

III. That Nicholas Romayne is President of the Society, James Tillary, Vice-President, Archibald Bruce, Secretary, Valentine Seaman, Treasurer. That Samuel L. Mitchell is the Delegate to the State Society, and John R. B. Rodgers, Wright Post, William Hamersley, James S. Stringham and David Hosack are Censors of the Society.

IV. The Medical Society of the County of New York impressed with a proper sense of the confidence which the Legislature of their County has been pleased to place in the members of the medical profession throughout this State, have proceeded to carry into effect the true intent and meaning of the Act from which they derive their corporate institution and powers, and to use their best endeavors to promote the progress of medical knowledge, and to give encouragement and protection to all those who were devoting their time and attention to the sciences connected therewith.

V. That considering New York City, from its population, wealth and commerce and the facility of communication with other parts of the United States and foreign countries, possesses great advantages for the cultivation of all the different branches of medical and of all the departments of science which are related to the practice of physic and surgery, they have appointed different committees to attend to the various branches of medicine and of the sciences connected therewith; but the Society are humbly of opinion their usefulness would be extended in promoting the public good and the improvement of their profession were they incorporated under the direction, inspection and patronage of the Regents of the State as a College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Medical Society of the County of New York therefore pray that, retaining their present rights and privileges under the act for their incorporation and their connection with the State Society and their medical brethren of the County Societies, they may be incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons, under the direction, inspection and patronage of the Regents of the University of the State, as the wisdom of the Honorable the Legislature may think proper for the public good, and the

promotion and improvement of the the medical profession and sciences connected therewith.

Done in the Medical Society of the County of New York. Witness the seal of the Society. Testified by the Secretary this — day of ———, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Whereupon different objections were made to the same, when

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the section in said memorial containing the names of the censors and of the other officers be erased from the memorial.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the memorial so altered be approved by the Society, and that the Secretary cause the same to be engrossed, that he affix the seal of the Society thereto and testify the same.

A draft of a memorial to the Regents of the University was then read in the words following:

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

The memorial of the Medical Society of the County of New York respectfully sheweth,

That the Society have directed a memorial to be presented to the Honorable the Senate and House of Assembly of this State, under the seal of said Society, of which a true copy is hereunto annexed.

That the Society after much consideration are fully of opinion that their efforts to contribute to the diffusion of science and the improvement of the medical profession would be more successful if they were directed under the patronage of the Regents of the University of this State, and incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Medical Society of the County of New York therefore prays, that the Regents of the University of the State will be pleased to favor the views of the said Society, so far as they are connected with the public good and with which the improvement of the medical profession is intimately connected, to the end that the said Society may be incorporated into a College of Physicians and Surgeons under the patronage of the said Regents.

Done in the Medical Society of the County of New York. Witness the seal of said Society. Testified by the Secretary this day of , 1807.

[L. S. A.]

——— ———, *Secretary.*

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Society do approve the above mentioned memorial to the Regents, that the Secretary affix thereto the seal of the Society and testify the same.

Dr. John R. B. Rodgers and Dr. Hamersley, Censors of the Society, requested that the Society would accept their resignations as censors.

Society adjourned.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday the 23d March, 1807.

Society constituted.

Roll called.

Minutes of the last meeting read.

Dr. Jotham Post moved a resolution in the words following:

Resolved, That the part of the minutes which relates to the application to the Legislature and the Regents of the University of this State praying that the Medical Society of the County and City of New York be incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons, be expunged.

The same being taken into consideration, the question was taken, when the said resolution was rejected. It was then—

Resolved, That this Society does approve the minutes as read by the Secretary.

The President stated he was ready to present his report as Delegate and Commissioner from this Society to the Medical Society of the State, and the Society having agreed to receive the same, it was read to the Society together with the Charter for establishing a College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York, after which it was resolved, on motion of Dr. J. R. B. Rodgers, that 500 copies of the Charter be printed.

It was also resolved that 500 copies of the President's address and report to the Society be likewise printed with the Charter. Whereupon Dr. Rodgers, Dr. Gillispie, Dr. Birch, Dr. Seaman, and Dr. Bruce, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday the 6th day of April, 1807.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Certain documents were presented stating that Solomon C. Philips, Alire R. Delile, and Fayette Cooper, had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the XIII. Section of the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and the same being separately considered by the Society, were approved, and the candidates recommended for a public examination.

The candidates were accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which they retired, when the Society declared them severally entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to the candidates the resolution of the Society, and having addressed them as to their duties and future conduct as physicians and surgeons, they were severally invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Dr. Hugh Williamson was proposed as an honorary member. Dr. Miner, Dr. Gilbert Smith, and Dr. Benjamin Dewitt, were proposed as ordinary members of this Society.

The President having retired, Dr. Post took the chair, when on motion it was resolved the President's address to the candidates be published.

Society adjourned.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, the 6th of May, 1807.

The Society being constituted, the roll called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The President addressed the Society, and requested their acceptance of his services as medical delegate to the State Society free from any expense to the Society. He also stated the necessity of collecting the fines to meet the expenses of the present year.

Whereupon it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the fines incurred by the members of the Society. That the said committee be authorized to remit such fines as in their opinion may be proper, and that they direct the other fines to be collected in such manner as may be convenient, and place the same into the hands of the Treasurer. That the said committee further authorize to recommend some place to collect money to defray the ordinary expenses of the Society, if they think the same necessary.

Whereupon Dr. Foot, Dr. Rockwell, and Dr. Berger, were appointed.

A resolution, with respect to the conduct of members, was referred to the Committee of Bye-Laws.

Dr. Jones' letter of resignation as one of the Committee of Bye-Laws read, and Dr. Gillespie was appointed in his place.

Dr. Prince moved that a porter should be procured for the use of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That all notices be through the medium of the post office.

Society adjourned.

The President having been authorized by the Society to draft the forms of appropriate diplomas, presented to the Secretary those which follow:

OMNIBUS AD QUOS HÆ LITERÆ PERVENERINT.
SALUTEM.

Nos Præses, cæterique socii, Societatis Medicæ Comitatus Novi Eborici, anno millesimo octogesimo sexto Legibus Reipublicæ constitutæ, hoc scripto testatum volumus, virium probum, A. B.—Neo Eboracensem, artem medicam legitime exercentem, inter Socios Facultatis conscriptum, omnesque ejus honores et privilegia jure et rite consectum esse.

In quorum testimonium, hoc diploma, sigillo nostro munitum, concedimus. Datum ex œdibus nostris Novi Eborici Die. . . . . Anno . . . Libertatis Americanæ, annoque salitis Humanæ.

L. S.

A. B. ab Epistolis. A. B. Præses.

OMNIBUS AD QUOS HÆ LITERÆ PERVENERENT.

SALUTEM.

Nos, Societatis Medicæ, Comitatus Novi Eborici, Legibus Reipublicae constitutæ, Præses, cæterique socii, hoc scripto testatum volumus, A. B. Neo Eboracensem, artim medicam et chirurgicam, sub viris in medicina peritis, tempore præstituto, studio incubuisse, atque se suosque in re medica et chirurgica progressus, luculento testimonio, nobis probasse et commendasse; quocirca, ex auctoritate nobis commissa, medicinæ et artis chirurgicæ, in hac civitate exercendæ, ei potestatum, cum omnibus privilegiis et immunitatibus ad has artes pertinentibus, concedimus.

In quorum testimonium hocce diploma, sigillo nostro munitum, donavimus. Datum ex œdibus nostris Novi Eborici die. . . . . Anno . . . Libertatis Americanæ annoque Domini.

L. S.

A. B. ab Epistolis. A. B. Præses.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, the 6th July, 1807.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called.

Dr. Hugh Williamson being nominated at the last Quarterly Meeting as an honorary member, and Dr. William Miner, Dr. Gilbert Smith and Dr. Benjamin Dewitt as ordinary members, the Society proceeded to the election, when Dr. Stringham, Dr. Foot and Dr. Prince were appointed inspectors of the election, which being held, the inspectors returned the above named gentlemen as duly elected.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Society suspend their attention to all unfinished business, and proceed to the election of their officers for the ensuing year, as directed by law.

Whereupon Dr. Miller, Dr. Clark and Dr. Nesbitt were appointed inspectors of the election, which being duly held, the following report was made, viz.:

We, the inspectors for the annual election of Charter officers

of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. SAMUEL L. MITCHELL, *President.*
Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. WALTER W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*

Dr. WRIGHT POST,
Dr. JAMES S. STRINGHAM,
Dr. WILLIAM HAMERSLEY,
Dr. EDWARD MILLER,
Dr. DAVID HOSACK,
} *Censors.*

(Signed) SAMUEL NESBITT,
JOHN CLARK.
} *Inspectors.*

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Wednesday, the 8th instant.

Adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Wednesday, 8th July, 1807.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Dr. Post, as senior censor, took the chair, when the Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Whereupon Dr. Birch, Dr. Van Solingen, and Dr. Ar. Hosack, were nominated accordingly, and ordered to report at the next meeting.

A report from Dr. Foot, as chairman of a committee appointed for the collection of fines, was presented and read, and upon motion recommitted, and the committee requested to pay into the hands of the Treasurer all moneys collected by the first of August, and report delinquents at the next meeting of the Society.

On motion of Dr. Bruce—

Resolved, That all moneys due the Society be paid into the hands of the Treasurer by the next meeting.

Certain documents were presented stating that John Woodward, Thomas M. Callender, and Eugene P. G. Beaulieu, had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the XIII. Section of an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State. The candidates being recommended by Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to their examination according to the VI. Section of said law.

The candidates were accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which they retired, when the Society declared them severally entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the chairman (Dr. Post) communicated to them the resolution of the Society, and they having assented to the obligation directed by the laws, were severally invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, 5th October, 1807.

The Society being constituted, roll called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Drs. J. C. Osborn, Charles Ball, and J. A. Woodward, were proposed as ordinary members of this Society.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that John J. Morrison had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the XIII. Section of an Act entitled "an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State." Being recommended by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to his examination in conformity to the the VI. Section of said law.

He was accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced,

the President, in an address, communicated to him the resolution of the Society, whereupon he was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

A letter from Dr. Isaac Ball and another from Gideon Humphreys to the President of this Society requesting diplomas of membership were read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That the sense of the Society, as it respected their claims, be taken separately and by ballot.

Whereupon the Treasurer and Secretary being appointed inspectors, and the ballots being separately taken, a report was made thereof to the President, who declared Isaac Ball and Gideon Humphreys duly entitled to diplomas of membership.

On motion of Dr. Seaman—

Resolved, That every person receiving a diploma of membership shall pay into the hands of the President, at the signature of the same, five dollars for the use of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee of fines for last year be permitted to progress and report at the next meeting of the Society.

A report from Dr. Van Solingen, as one of a committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, was read and approved.

Two motions presented by Dr. Hamersley, viz.:

Resolved, That no person be allowed to become a candidate for a seat in the Society until he has been a regular practitioner of physic and surgery in this city for at least twelve months.

Resolved, That all persons neglecting or refusing to pay their annual subscriptions or fines when due for one year, be suspended from all the rights, immunities, and privileges of this Society, and that a person be appointed for the purpose of collecting the same.

Ordered to lay over until next meeting.

Roll called.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, January 4th, 1808.

The Society being constituted, the roll called and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Certain documents relative to the claims of John C. Osborn, John A. Woodward, and Charles Ball, to a seat in this Society, were read and approved, and they having been nominated at last Quarterly Meeting as ordinary members, the Society proceeded to the election. When Dr. Miller and Dr. Seaman were appointed inspectors of the election, which being held, the inspectors reported the above-named gentlemen duly elected members of this Society.

A report from the committee of fines was read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee of fines be discharged.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Society be requested to present forthwith, through the medium of the post office, to every member in arrears, a statement of such fines and contributions, up to the Anniversary Meeting in July last inclusive, as may be due from him to the Society, and to demand immediate payment of the same, and that all delinquents be reported by him at the Anniversary Meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to report specially at the next Anniversary Meeting on such qualifications as may be deemed expedient for those persons who may become candidates for a seat in this Society, and further, to report on a fixed sum which all such persons shall pay, when elected members, at the time of their signing the Bye-Laws of this Society.

Whereupon Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Seaman, and Dr. Gillespie, were accordingly nominated for that purpose.

Roll called.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, 4th April, 1808.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that John Scott McKnight, John C. Warner, and Richard A. Ball, had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the XIII. Section of an Act, entitled "an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State," which being duly approved of by the Society, the Censors were directed to proceed to their examination.

The candidates were accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which they retired, when the Society declared them severally entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery.

Being again introduced, the Vice-President communicated to them the resolution of the Society, and delivered an appropriate address as to their duties and future conduct as physicians and surgeons, and they having assented to the obligations imposed by the laws, were severally invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

On motion of Dr. Jotham Post, that

Whereas, By a bill presented to the Legislature of this State, dated 9th March, 1808, entitled "an Act to Prevent the Adulteration and Improper Preparation of Medicines and Drugs in the City of New York, and for other purposes therein mentioned," attempts have been made to invade the rights and privileges of this Society, by investing certain powers and privileges in the College of Physicians and Surgeons for the City and County of New York, which derogates from the honor and dignity of this Society, and are calculated to render this institution insignificant and useless. Therefore—

Resolved, That this Society be specially convened on Monday, the 25th day of April, for the purpose of making suitable inquiries into this important subject, and that the Delegate of this Society to the Medical Society of the State of New York be requested to attend and lay before the Society such written testimony as may be necessary.

Roll called.

Society adjourned.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, 25th of April, 1808.

The Society being constituted, roll called and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Delegate from this Society to the Medical Society of the State presented certain communications addressed to the President and Secretary of this Society, and the same being read to the Society, Dr. Rodgers presented a communication from the Delegate received in January last, and addressed to him as Vice-President of this Society, and his reply thereto, which being read,

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the reports from the Delegate to the President and Secretary of this Society, and the letter from the Delegate to the Vice-President and his reply, be recorded upon the minutes of this Society in the words following, viz.:

"JANUARY 28th, 1808.

"SIR—I beg leave to inform you as Vice-President of the Medical Society and presiding officer of that institution, in the absence of the President, that I shall set out to-morrow, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for Albany, to attend the State Society, and that I shall direct a person to wait on you at that hour for any orders or instructions you may have to communicate to me on the part of the Society.

"I am,
"With due consideration,
"Your obed't serv't,
"(Signed) NICH'L ROMAYNE.

"DR. RODGERS."

JANUARY 29th, 1808.

"SIR—I am this moment favored with your note of yesterday's date. In reply I have only to say that I am not directed by the Medical Society of the County to give any instructions to the Delegate of the Society, no circumstance having occurred, that I know of, which makes it necessary to give any special instructions.

"I am, sir,
"With due respect,
"Your obd't serv't,
"(Signed) JOHN R. B. RODGERS.

"DR. ROMAYNE,
"*Deleg. to the Med. Society State of New York.*"

To the President of the Medical Society of the County of New York:

"SIR—The Vice-President, Dr. Rodgers, having informed me by letter previous to my leaving the City of New York for Albany, that there were no communications to be made to the Medical Society of the State from the Medical Society of the County of New York, and that nothing was required from me in my official capacity, I deemed it proper to lay that letter before the Medical Society of the State after it was convened at Albany.

"At the Anniversary Meeting of the Society the members were arranged in classes according to the statute of 1807, the member from the County of New York is in the class for three years.

"As the election of officers for the Medical Society of the State has been notified to the publick, it might be unnecessary for me to trouble the Society with a statement of the subject.

"The transactions of the Medical Society of the State were directed to be published. They will manifest the zeal of the members for the promotion of knowledge and the spirit of inquiry by which they are actuated.

"The members, Physicians and Surgeons in the County of New York was supposed to be at least double the number in any other county in the State. The Medical Society of the State considered it just and proper for this city and county to have an additional representative in that body; and as the College of Physicians and Surgeons is possessed of a perpetual charter, and under the immediate patronage of the State, it was deemed expedient that it should have the rights and powers of a county society, accordingly an ordinance for that purpose passed the Society, and was communicated to the Regents of the University.

"The Medical Society of the State has enacted certain ordinances for regulating the proceedings of the County Medical Society, according to the intent and spirit of the statute for incorporating medical societies, which contemplate only the publick good and the honor of the medical profession. These laws, when printed, will be presented to the Society; in the meantime, it may not be improper to mention some of them.

"I. An ordinance for establishing uniformity in diplomas for practicing physic and surgery, and in declarations to be demanded of candidates.

"II. The students shall be subject to no other formalities in their examination than are directed by the acts of the Legislature and the ordinances of the Medical Society of the State.

"III. That the county medical societies are to furnish the State Medical Society with a copy of their bye-laws and an adjudged historical account of their transactions, and keep the State Society informed in all these subjects.

"IV. No county medical society are to fix, support, or arrange any medical charges, or to favor any proceedings on these subjects.

"V. No county medical society shall, in their separate capacity, prosecute in a court of law any person or persons for practicing physic and surgery contrary to the laws of the State; nor shall they in their separate capacity favor any such proceedings.

"VI. Any county medical society who shall neglect to perform the duties required of them by the laws of the State, or who shall neglect to observe and perform the Bye-Laws, ordinances, and regulations of the Medical Society of the State, or who shall do any act or acts derogatory to the publick good or honor of the medical profession, shall be admonished touching such conduct or proceedings by the State Society; and if it be deemed necessary for the publick good and the honor of the medical profession that the corporate right and privileges of any such county medical society be suspended or dissolved, then and in such case it shall be the duty of the said medical society to apply to the Legislature for that purpose.

"You will perceive, sir, the *wholesome* nature of these ordinances, as they may contribute to suppress selfish interests and private passions and prejudices, which are never indulged in publick bodies without subjecting them to the contempt and ridicule of the world.

"I have been two months and a half absent from New York, part of which time I was confined to my chamber by indisposition, but the business of the Medical Society of the State occupied my attention for at least a month.

"The compensation allowed me for the Medical Society of the County of New York I wish to have paid to the treasury of the Medical Society of the State on my account, to be used in promoting medical knowledge.

"I have the honor to be, with perfect consideration, and the highest respect, sir,

"Your obd't serv't,
"(Signed) NICHOLAS ROMAYNE."

(Copy.)

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, April 4th, 1808.

On motion, that—

Whereas, By a bill presented to the Legislature of the State, dated 9th March, 1808, entitled an Act to Prevent the Adulteration and Improper Preparation of Medicines and Drugs in the City of New York, and for other purposes therein mentioned, attempts have been made to invade the rights and privileges of this Society by investing certain powers and privileges in the College of Physicians and Surgeons for the City and County of New York, which derogate from the honor and dignity of this Society, and are calculated to render this institution insignificant and useless. Therefore—

Resolved, That this Society be specially convened on Monday, the 25th day of April, for the purpose of making suitable inquiries into this important subject, and that the Delegate from this Society to the Medical Society of the State be requested to attend and lay before the Society such written testimony as may be necessary.

(Extract from the minutes.)

By order W. W. BUCHANAN, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, April 25th, 1808.

SIR—The above is a communication made to me some days ago under your signature. The only document in my possession relative to the above enquiries of the Medical Society of the County of New York is in the enclosed paper, which I beg you will lay before the Society.

The Legislature of the State are alone competent to explain their own act. The Regents of the University are, by the new charter of March last, invested with all the appointments in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and with the more permanent interest of that institution, which it is their province to explain as they may deem expedient. It is obvious, however, that as the rights and privileges of the Medical Society of the County of New York are not exclusive rights and privileges, but are granted to them in common with the other societies in any county of the State, the Legislature may grant the same, or any other powers and privileges, to as many other societies or publick bodies as they may think fit, without invading the rights of this Society.

If, indeed, the Medical Society of the County of New York possessed a monoply of power on any subject unalterable by the sovereign authority of the State, and the Legislature were to be-

stow equal privileges on other societies, then indeed might the Society of New York complain of an invasion of rights and privileges. But as long as they possess no exclusive rights and no monoply of power, the granting of any to others cannot interfere with theirs.

The Medical Society of the State, considering the charter of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to be permanent, and that the institution is immediately under the patronage of the Legislature, conceived it proper to yield to that institution all the rights and privileges of a county medical society; and I trust the Medical Society of the County of New York will find it consistent with their dignity and honor to manifest due obedience to this decision, as is directed by the laws of the county.

I am, with due consideration, sir, your most obdt. serv't,

(Signed) NICHOLAS ROMAYNE.

DR. BUCHANAN, *Secretary of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*

On motion—

Resolved, That 200 copies of the above reports and letters be printed for the use of the members of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to superintend the printing of the above, and that they be transmitted through the medium of the post office to the members of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the communications read this day before us from the Delegate to the State Society be referred to a committee of three persons to report thereon at the next Anniversary Meeting.

Whereupon Dr. J. Post, Dr. Gamage, and Dr. Foot, were nominated accordingly.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee to consist of five persons be appointed to frame instructions for the Delegate from this Society to the Medical Society of the State, and also to frame an address to said Society, with a view to prevent any invasion of the privileges of the county societies throughout the State, and that this committee report at the next Anniversary Meeting of the Society.

Whereupon Dr. Tillary, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. A. Brower, Dr. Seaman, and Dr. Barrow, were appointed accordingly.

Roll called.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 4th, 1808.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That this being a publick day the Society defer all unfinished business and proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year according to law.

Whereupon Dr. Gamage and Dr. Foot were appointed Inspector of the Election, which being duly held, the following report was made, viz.:

July 4th, 1808. We, the Inspectors of the Election for Charter Officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. JAMES TILLARY, *President.*
Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. WALTER W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*

Dr. WRIGHT POST,
Dr. SAMUEL BORROWE,
Dr. VALENTINE SEAMAN,
Dr. EDWARD MILLER,
Dr. JAMES S. STRINGHAM,
} *Censors.*

(Signed) JNO. GAMAGE.
MALACHI FOOT.

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society do adjourn from day to day until Monday next, the 11th inst't.

On motion—

Resolved, That the last roll call be dispensed with this day.

Society adjourned.

The report of a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer having been omitted last year, it is here inserted.

I, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treas-

urer, and find a balance of $201.54 remaining in his hands, and $42 due from members for their annual contributions, whose names are underwritten.

(Sign'd) HEN. M. VAN SOLINGEN.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF C. OF NEW YORK IN ACCT. CURRENT WITH THE TREASURER.

Dr.			*Cr.*	
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3 m. 26	Paid proprietors A. Citizen,	$57 36	By Cash received from different Members for their annual Contributions, Diplomas, &c.	$387 25
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5 " 7	Proprietors Even'g Post	2 00		
26	John Jervis	5 00		
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6 " 4	Evening Post	6 90	Rec'd from Dr. Mitchell	3 00
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	Morn'g Chronicle	1 50		
	Evening Post	3 15		
	Henry White	5 00		
	Dr. Bruce	2 62		
	Alex'r Anderson	10 00		
	Jas. Cheetham	45 81		
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(Signed) VALENTINE SEAMAN.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 11th, 1808.

The Society being constituted, the roll called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The President, in an appropriate speech, addressed the Society upon his election to preside over their deliberations.

A report from the Committee of Bye-Laws was read, and

Upon motion—

Resolved, That the same be taken into consideration by sections, which being accordingly done, and some amendments having been made, was approved of.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have 200 copies of the Bye-Laws as amended printed for the use of the members of this Society, and that the same be transmitted to them through the medium of the post office.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed forthwith to demand, through the medium of the post office, from the members, all arrearages due to this day.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President be directed to pay $50 to the counsellor of this Society at his discretion.

On motion—

Resolved, That the dues of Drs. Werthyne, Beebee, and S. Nesbit, Jun'r, deceased, be remitted.

Sundry accounts against the Society were presented and read, and, upon motion, ordered to be discharged.

A report from the Treasurer respecting delinquents was read.

A motion for the expulsion of Dr. Wm. Little was ordered to lay over until next meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Whereupon Dr. Gamage, Dr. A. Hosack, and Dr. Van Solingen, were nominated for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Wednesday, Sept. 25th, 1808.

The Society being constituted, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A communication addressed to the President, and signed by twenty members, requesting an extra meeting, was read.

The President stated to the Society the object of the present meeting, that he had received a communication from Dr. Werthyne, detailing his embarrassed circumstances, and praying for pecuniary relief from this Society.

Whereupon Dr. Werthyne's solicitation having undergone considerable discussion, was rejected, and the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the funds of this Society cannot be appropriated to purposes of charity.

A publication of Mrs. Louisa Kastner, from one of the daily papers, was presented and read, and the following resolution adopted: That—

Whereas, Mrs. Kastner has published herself as a practitioner of midwifery approved of by this Society, without having legally obtained its sanction,

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of two persons be appointed to wait on her to request her submission to an examination before the Comitia Minora at the next Stated Meeting, and that should she refuse to consent to this proposition, the Secretary be ordered to contradict her assertion so far as it relates to this Society.

Whereupon Dr. Seaman and Dr. Stringham were nominated to wait on her for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, 3d October, 1808.

The Society being constituted, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved.

"A report from the committee appointed to wait upon Mrs. Louisa Kastner, whom they found impressed with an idea that she was sanctioned with the approbation of the Medical Society in consequence of having received a certificate and recommend from one of its members. Upon having the business explained to her, she appeared sensibly affected by the improper freedom which she had taken with the name of this Society, and agreed to submit herself to an examination relative to her obstetrical qualifications before the Comitia Minora.

"(Signed) V. SEAMAN.
"JAMES S. STRINGHAM."

A report from the Censors of this Society was read, stating that pursuant to a resolution of this Society they had examined Mrs. L. Kastner relative to her qualifications for the practice of midwifery, and recommended her as a proper person to exercise that profession. Whereupon,

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society do recommend Mrs. Louisa Kastner as a practitioner of midwifery.

Satisfactory documents were presented and read, stating that Edward Griswold had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by an act entitled "An Act for regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State," and he being recommended by the Comitia Minora, underwent a publick examination, which being approved of, and he having assented to the obligation imposed by the laws relative to his future conduct and behaviour as a physician and surgeon, was invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

A report from a committee appointed to take into consideration the written documents presented by the Delegate, was read in the following words:

The committee appointed to report on the communication made by the Delegate of this Society on the 25th of April last, beg leave to remark that they will first give a general statement of facts as related by the Delegate, and then make a few remarks which they conceive the subject will warrant. It appears that an application was made to the Vice-President of this Society, (the President being absent) to know if there were any instructions to be given to the Delegate on his setting out to attend the Medical Society of the State at Albany, and that the Vice-President replied that no circumstance had occurred which made it necessary to give any specific instructions. It also appears that the Delegate attended the Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State at Albany, and informed that Society by the letter received from the Vice-President, that he had nothing to communicate on account of the Society he represented. It likewise appears that the members of the Medical Society of the State were divided into four classes, agreeably to an Act of the Legislature passed the session before last, and that the Delegate from this Society is in the class for three years. Perhaps there may be a propriety in remarking here, that this act of the Legisture, thus dividing the Medical Society of the State into four classes, was a very unexpected measure, and your committee cannot but believe that the act was brought forward by its original proposer for some sinister views, as it was undertaken without the knowledge or approbation of the Society, and when known, excited a great surprise. It appears that the transac-

tions of the Medical Society of the State were directed to be published. That the New York County Society contains more than double the numbers of members of any other county society, from which circumstance "the Medical Society of the State considered it just and proper for this city and county to have additional representation in that body," and remarked, "that as the College of Physicians and Surgeons is possessor of a perpetual charter under the immediate patronage of the State, it was deemed expedient that it should have the right and powers of a county society, and accordingly an ordinance for that purpose passed the Society, and was communicated to the Regents of the University." It also appears that various ordinances for regulating the proceedings of the county medical societies were passed by the Medical Society of the State, which were to be printed, and a copy thereof furnished to this Society. It would have been agreeable to the committee to have had a copy of these ordinances, and for that purpose application was made to the Delegate, who informed the committee that an early opportunity would be taken to lay our request before the Medical Society of the State, and as little delay as possible would be used in furnishing a reply.

The Delegate, however, in his communication, has furnished some of the leading features of these ordinances, which your committee will notice in the order they are communicated. The Delegate informs the Society "that he was absent from New York two and a half months, part of which time he was confined by indisposition, but that the business of the Society occupied his attention for at least a month, and directed the compensation allowed him should be paid over to the treasury of the Medical Society of the State."

The committee has thus stated the leading facts as communicated by the Delegate, and conceive some of them of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot forbear a few remarks, which they trust will be received with liberality, as they are made purely from a wish to see this, our County Society, rise to that degree of consequence and credit it really merits.

The first question which presents itself on this occasion is, how far has the Delegate fulfilled his duties, either as specially directed by the Bye-Laws wherein he is ordered to "support the honor and dignity of this Society," or as explicitly understood in his representative capacity in behalf of this Society which, as being a member thereof, he should have guarded in its utmost consequence and respect?

Your committee cannot conceive why any institution should in the view of the Medical Society of the State be entitled to a representation in that body, which by law is only to be com-

posed of one representative or delegate from each county society in the State, nor can they understand why the Delegate from this Society would permit such a proposition to meet the sanction of that Society without his most pointed opposition. If the principle is admitted that any other institution should have a representation in the Medical Society of the State, there is no knowing where the claim will end. The county societies send delegates as chartered bodies, without any reference to the number of their members, and if from the number of members in any one society two representatives are proper, why not send them both from the body to be represented, and not from different bodies which may have essentially different interests? If it should be deemed proper to have more than one representative from either of the county societies on account of numbers, may there not be an equal propriety in denying the right of some counties to a representation because their societies are so small? These innovations will produce unequal privileges, discordant interests, and perpetual collision between the county societies. The principle in the present constitution of things is illegal, and contrary to the spirit of our charter. Your committee therefore conceive it the duty of this Society to enter a solemn protest against the measure denying the expediency, and declaring the injustice and illegality of admitting any institution to have the rights and powers of a county society, consequently that any ordinance for this effect passed by the State Medical Society was an infringement of the rights of the county societies, and that the delegate from each county should be requested to have the same done away.

The 1st ordinance for "establishing uniformity in diplomas for practicing physic and surgery, and the declarations to be demanded of candidates," may be proper, but although of no particular moment, yet may be worth attention.

The 2d ordinance that "students shall be subject to no other formalities in their examination than are directed by the acts of Legislature, and the ordinances of the Medical Society of the State," your committee conceive exceptional.

Your committee believes each county society adequate to the task of judging what qualifications are necessary for students to be admitted to practice, and can see no reason why a right of this kind should be relinquished to the State Society.

The 3d ordinance requires "that the county medical societies are to furnish the State Medical Society with a copy of their bye-laws and an adjudged historical account of their transactions, and keep the State Society informed on all these subjects." The committee on this remark, that there may be a propriety in the Medical Society of the State to recommend to the county

societies any measure which will create harmony, and promote the interest of the profession. But your committee conceive no reason why the Society of the State *demand* a copy of our Bye-Laws and an *adjudged* historical account of our transactions; and here your committee do not hesitate to say, that they do not clearly comprehend what is meant by an *adjudged* historical account—presuming, however, we are to understand by it, an account of our proceedings approved of by the Society, we are at a loss to comprehend any reason why such an account should be *demanded*, or why we should keep the State Society informed on all these subjects.

The 4th ordinance requires, that "no county medical society are to fix, support, or arrange any medical charges, or to favor any proceedings on these subjects." This again your committee views as an assumption of power never contemplated by the act of incorporation. Your committee cannot think the Medical Society of the State intend the establishment of a uniform system of charges in the practice of physic and surgery throughout the State. It may be proper that neither of the county societies establish any particular set of charges in their corporate capacity. The compensation a physician or surgeon should receive depending on various contingencies, it would be difficult to affix any general regulations applicable to a large extent of country.

Th 5th ordinance states, that "no county medical society shall in their separate capacity prosecute in a court of law any person, or persons, for practising physic or surgery contrary to the laws of the State, nor shall they in their separate capacity any such prosecution." The motive for this ordinance your committee cannot divine. If there should a necessity arise to enforce justice, and to support the rights and dignities of our profession, your committee believe that the several county societies are adequate to the task of enforcing these rights without delegating the power to the State Society, or without admitting the State Society to assume the right of controlling measures which, in justice, belong to each respective county society.

The 6th, and not the least extraordinary measure, declares that "no county medical society who shall neglect to perform the duties required of them by the laws of the State, or who shall oppose or neglect to observe and perform the Bye-Laws, ordinances, and regulations of the Medical Society of the State, or who shall do any act or acts derogatory to the public good, or the honor of the medical profession, shall be admonished touching such conduct or proceedings by the State Society, and if it be deemed necessary for the public good and the honor of the medical profession that the corporate rights and privileges of

any such county medical society be suspended or dissolved, then, and in such case, it shall be the duty of the said Medical Society of the State to apply to the Legislature for such purpose." In this your committee conceive an attempt, on the part of the Medical Society of the State, to assume to itself all the powers of regulating and controlling the practice of physic and surgery in the State, and thereby deprive each county medical society of the smallest degree of consequence it may be entitled to. If these, together with the other ordinances, are adhered to and enforced, the county societies will be but mere machines for carrying into effect the regulations of the State Society, and this, to men who have some little respect for themselves, would be rather too humiliating to be submitted to without an honorable and dignified opposition. Your committee would therefore recommend to the Society the necessity of stating to the delegate of each county society the propriety of supporting our rights and dignities in the Medical Society of the State, and especially to instruct our delegate to pursue a dignified determination to maintain the rights of this Society, and that if his situation is such that he cannot use his influence to have such assumed and oppressive regulations done away, that he be requested to resign his appointment as Delegate of this Society.

Your committee regret exceedingly that the Bye-Laws and ordinances of the Medical Society of the State, passed at their last anniversary meeting, have not been published, more especially as they effect in a material degree the interests of the county societies. An application on this subject has been made to the Secretary of the State Society, and your committee are referred for information to the President of that Society who has these ordinances in his possession, but the result of that application has been before noted. Possibly if your committee could have had a full view of the ordinances above alluded to, they would not have had so much cause to complain.

Your committee also beg leave to remark, that the Delegate claims a compensation for at least one month's services in attending to his duties on behalf of this Society; but, on investigation, it appears that the general business of the Society of the State was arranged in four days, your committee therefore think the claim somewhat extraordinary. Your committee are willing to believe that "*selfish interests, and private passions and prejudices*" should be suppressed, that the proceedings of public bodies should not be subject to the "contempt and ridicule of the world," and in making this acknowledgment, they do it with sincerity. They sincerely hope that practice will correspond with profession. Your committee disclaim all idea of imposing on the credulity of any individual by hollow professions, and

they trust the Society will fully confirm the position, that to make public institutions really beneficial, there must not only be an honorable profession of correct intentions, but that the proceedings of such institutions shall really correspond with the profession.

Your committee might enlarge much more on this subject, but they are afraid they have already trespassed too much on the patience of the Society; but such an abundance of matter for consideration presented, that they could not in justice to themselves do less than they have done. It was the intention of your committee to have made some remarks on the letter of the Delegate to the Secretary of this Society, dated 25th April last, in which there appears some extraordinary remarks. The letter, however, your committee deems so clear on the subject that no further remarks may be necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOTHAM POST, Jun'r, *Chairman.*

On motion—

Resolved, That the report by said committee be referred to the committee who are to instruct the Delegate, and to present an address to the Medical Society of the State, and that they be authorized to enter into any correspondence they may judge expedient, which correspondence shall be submitted to the Society at their next Stated Meeting.

A document respecting Wm. Little was read, and ordered to lay over.

A circular from the Medical Faculty of Columbia College addressed to the President of the Society was read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That the President be authorized to recommend a student to that institution.

Society adjourned.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, Jan. 2d, 1809.

The Society being constituted, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society be adjourned until Saturday, 7th inst., 4 o'clock.

I. B. Cougniac was proposed as a member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Saturday, January 7th, 1809.

The Society being constituted, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A report from a committee appointed to frame an address to the Medical Society of the State, and for other purposes, was presented and read in the following words:

"*To the Medical Society of the State of New York.*

"GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Medical Society of the County of New York, were instructed some time ago by that body to present to your consideration certain matters which they deem of great and equal interest to every county medical society throughout the State.

"On this occasion it was our intention to have laid before you a full exposition of the thoughts which have occurred to us concerning the law by which we are incorporated, but particularly to notice and animadvert on the ordinances which the State Medical Society have thought proper to establish (or rather to enact) for the government of the county societies. In order, however, to the accomplishment of this object in a manner in some degree commensurate with the design, it was necessary that these ordinances and other relative documents should be before us.

"These important papers we could not procure through any other *legitimate channel* than one opened by order of the State Medical Society itself. Such a source of information they willingly acknowledged had been opened for them before your adjournment at Albany last winter, and, as it since appears, instructions were given to your President to cause these ordinances and bye-laws to be published for general information.

This was certainly fair and proper, and nothing less could reasonably have been expected from a body of men who, knowing how to appreciate and defend their own rights, could not be suspected of a design to invade the rights of others. We have, therefore, learned with pleasure, that you had made provision in this matter on the solid and just ground that those who are made *subject to the law* should certainly *know what the law is.* Finding, nevertheless, that several months had passed after your adjournment, and that the ordinances of the State Medical Society either were not printed as had been directed, or were not published as had been designed, we began to suspect there was either unintentional mistake, or studied mystery in the case. To ascertain the cause, the Secretary of our County Society was directed to write to the Secretary of the State Medical Society,

and request a copy of the ordinances which had been passed by the latter since its formation.

"An answer to this letter was promptly and politely given by your Secretary, Dr. Stearns, referring Dr. Buchanan, our Secretary, for the necessary documents to the President of the State Medical Society, who, it appears, holds exclusive possession of them. In this letter of Dr. Stearns, dated the 20th of May, he expressly says, 'that the ordinances to which you allude are in the possession of Dr. Romayne, the President, who took them to New York for publication. If not already published, I presume they are open to the inspection of any gentlemen who will call on Dr. Romayne for that purpose.' Disappointed in the first attempt to procure them through an official and authentic organ, we still felt confident, since the Secretary had referred to the *only depositary*, and he within reach, that they would without hesitation, or a formal and authorized application, have been submitted to our perusal. The committee who have the honor to address you made this application—but without effect.

"The President of the State Society has thought proper to resist every application made by authority of the County Medical Society, and has assigned reasons for doing so too flimsy to be even decently ostensible, to hide what we are forced to consider must have been his real motive. Foiled in our efforts on this subject, which have hitherto proceeded nothing but a settled conviction that the President of the State Medical Society is hostile to the interests of the County Medical Society, we are reluctantly compelled to *appeal* from him to you. In justice to our own feelings, therefore, we must be permitted to say, that since he perceives that he can no longer rule over the County Medical Society of New York, and consequently is unable to render this branch of the Medical Incorporation subservient to his ulterior views, he would very gladly, and no doubt will attempt very sedulously to procure from your board a resolution by which we shall be first *admonished;* this failing, he will afterwards probably appear at the bar of the Legislature, and there endeavour to procure an *act* by which we shall either be *suspended* or *dissolved*, as may best comport with his future views.

"Gentlemen, we smile at him, but we would speak gravely to you. Holding as it appears he does a triennial seat among you, and *claiming* to be *our* representative, it is only left for us to appear before you as a member of the great body medical of the State, and to entreat you to *revise*, we presume to say *rescind*, some of the ordinances which you have already passed.

"We solicit your immediate attention to those contained in the printed correspondence inclosed, and of these in a particular manner, to Nos. 4, 6, and 7. This last ordinance is stated by

your president, in his letter to the Secretary of our County Society, as a matter of incidental information rather than as issuing in the regular series of your enaction of bye-laws.

"On these last enumerated ordinances we refrain at present from offering you any commentaries, because we believe that enough will be suggested by your own reflection and good sense to convince you that they are at once *unjust*, *impracticable*, and *illegal*, and we apply these terms to them exactly in the order in which they are placed before us. We consider them as springing out of a broad and deep, and *pampered hotbed of undue influence*, alike inadmissible by the spirit of the law—alike unfair and unfriendly, and particularly designed to operate with despotic sway on your medical brethren in the City and County of New York.

"These three obnoxious ordinances appear to us not merely allied by a general connection, but in conformity with a particular plan which may not yet be sufficiently matured for development. By the last ordinance especially we consider aggrieved—from this it appears that, in consideration of *prospective views*, the Medical Society of the State have *yielded* to the College of Physicians and Surgeons all the *rights* and *privileges* of a county medical society—and why? We cannot answer this question with obsolute precision; but quitting slippery for *certain authority*, we give you what we take to ourselves as a clue, the president's own unbroken and uninterpolated words, viz.: 'The Medical Society of the State, considering the charter of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to be *permanent*, and that the institution is immediately under the directions of the Regents of the University and *patronage* of the Legislature, conceived it proper to *yield* to that institution all the rights and privileges of a county medical society.'

"Indeed? and is the charter of the Medical Society considered *not as permanent?* has the Medical Society *no patronage* to expect from the Legislature? Is the charter of the College of Physicians and Surgeons *less* under the control of the representatives of the people than that of the Medical Society? We believe not; on the contrary, we perceive that they are so constructed that the powers who gave them existence have, at the same time, (wisely no doubt) fixed on their foreheads the supremacy of the State in characters so legible that he who 'runs may read,' *durability*, or *dissolution*, according as future circumstances may influence the understanding of an enlightened legislature.

"Thinking in this manner of the charters, we have offered you some desultory notions respecting the ordinances you have passed by virtue (as we have no doubt you believe) of their

authority. We should indeed be wanting in the respect we feel for the State Medical Society, as well as for the individual members who compose it, if we did not express a confidence that you will not be offended when we frankly add that we shall esteem it our duty to oppose every infringement of our rights, and every unwarrantable exercise of authority by all the means in our power which shall be conformable with law.

"We hope, gentlemen, that you will view the present address as sincerely intended to engage your friendly, but at the same time, impartial regard. We wish not to split with our medical brethren, but more closely to unite; we wish not to irritate, but to conciliate. We are persuaded that, as a body of professional men, you can neither have inclination or motive in underrating one portion of your medical brethren merely to subserve the views of another, and on this ground of substantial reliance we submit the ideas contained in this paper to the results of your unbiassed honor and understanding.

"(Signed) JAMES TILLARY,
"*President of the Medical Society, C. N. Y.*
"W. W. BUCHANAN, M. D., *Secretary.*"

A letter from the Secretary of this Society to the Secretary of the State Society, and his reply thereto, were read in the following words:

"DEAR SIR—It having been intimated to the Medical Society of the County of New York, at their late meeting, that the Medical Society of the State had enacted certain ordinances for regulating the proceedings of the county medical societies, and certain committees having been appointed to take the same into consideration, they are extremely anxious that these ordinances may be in their possession in order to give them that deliberation which they merit, and to afford sufficient time for reporting thereon previous to the anniversary meeting in July. I am therefore authorized by them to request your forwarding to my address as soon as convenient the documents in question. I am also desired to inquire of you how long the Medical Society of the State was in actual session, and to request you to forward a certificate of the same.

"With sent's of respect,
"I am, sir, your most obd't.
"(Signed) W. W. BUCHANAN,
Sec'y M. Society, C. N. Y.

WATERFORD, 20th of May, 1808.

SIR—Every information I possess relative to the subject of your letter of the 15th inst. I will cheerfully communicate. The

ordinances to which you allude are in the hands of the President, Dr. Romayne, who took them to New York for publication. If not already published, I presume they are open for the inspection of any gentlemen who will call on Dr. Romayne for that purpose.

The Medical Society of the State commenced their session on the second day of Feb'y last, and did not finally adjourn until the 7th of April following. The majority of members, however, were not in actual session more than four days. By their direction a sufficient number remained to constitute a quorum, who continued to transact business during that interval of time. What portion of time they occupied in actual session, it is impossible for me to determine. I was personally present only at their last meeting; but from the records communicated to me by their secretary *pro tempe.*, it appears they had several meetings in this time.

I am, sir, with sentiments of esteem,
Your's respectfully.
(Signed) JOHN STEARNS.

Dr. W. W. BUCHANAN.

A letter from the chairman of said committee to the Delegate of this Society, and his answer, were read in the following words:

"November 4th, 1808.

"SIR—As chairman of a committee appointed by the Medical Society of the County of New York, for the purpose of corresponding with the State Medical Society, &c., I am authorized and directed to apply to you for a copy of certain ordinances for regulating the proceedings of the county medical societies, enacted by the State Society, at Albany, last winter. Dr. Stearns, Sect'y of the State Society, has written to the Sect'y of this Society, that you had taken those ordinances with you to N. York in order to have them published. If they are not yet published, I would be obliged to you, when at leisure, to furnish me with a copy of them.

"I am, sir, your most obd't serv't,
"(Signed) JAMES TILLARY,
"*President of Med. Soc. C'y N. Y.*

NEW YORK, Nov. 16th, 1808.

SIR—I have received your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to me as chairman of a committee of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

On reflection I am sure you will be satisfied, that in my of-

ficial situation as President of the Medical Society of the State, it is incumbent on me to be governed by the usual forms of doing business.

I shall take an early opportunity of communicating the contents of your letter to me to the Secretary of the Medical Society of the State.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Serv't,
(Signed) NICH'S ROMAYNE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16th, 1808.
Dr. JAMES TILLARY.

Whereupon, on motion—

Resolved, That the report of said committee be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary cause 200 copies of said address to be printed and distributed at the discretion of the President.

A letter from the chairman of said committee was also presented and read, in the following words:*

On motion—

Resolved, That fifty copies of the above letter be printed as an envelope for the address.

On motion—

Resolved, That whereas the Professor of Botany has established a botanic garden for the benefit of those students of medicine who may attend the medical schools in this city, and has at a great expense rendered it highly valuable for that purpose, and as its retention requires more expenditures than could well be bestowed upon it by any individual,

Resolved, That the Society request the Legislature to purchase it for the benefit of the State.

Whereupon Dr. Stringham, Dr. W. Post, and Dr. Seaman, were nominated to draft a petition for that purpose.

On motion of Dr. Seaman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the members of this Society having with pain observed the rapidly increasing number of deaths in this city by smallpox, earnestly recommend to their fellow citizens who have any

* Does not appear in the minutes.

in their families still liable to that disease, immediately to have them vaccinated, as the only safe and effectual means of arresting the progress of that most loathsome of human maladies.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society do adjourn to meet on Monday next, 16th of Jan'y.

Society adjourned.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, 16th Jan'y, 1809.

The Society being constituted, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A report from a committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Honorable the Legislature of this State respecting the botanic garden, was presented and read in the following words:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened:

Your memorialists (consisting of the members which compose the Medical Society of the County of New York) beg leave respectfully to represent, that about eight years ago twenty acres of ground were purchased of the corporation for the purpose of establishing a botanic garden which since has been instituted there, and all the buildings erected necessary for sheltering plants of foreign growth. That the gentleman who thus purchased and endowed it has hitherto entirely devoted it to the instruction of medical students, but finding the expense too great for any individual to sustain, he is compelled to abandon it as a public institution, and therefore offers it for sale to the State.

The members of this Society unwilling that so valuable and so useful an establishment should be lost to the public, beg leave to address your honorable body soliciting the purchase of same on the part of the State, more particularly as the terms upon which it will be offered, are such that (in the opinion of your memorialists) no loss can possibly be sustained by the State in consequence of such purchase; they are therefore induced to hope that the Honorable the Legislature will not permit this opportunity to escape of improving the means of medical and agricultural instruction in our country.

The principal objects contemplated in this undertaking were, 1st, to render it useful as a source of information to the medical pupil; 2ndly, to make it a repository of the native vegetable

productions of this country; 3rdly, to naturalize as far as may be practicable such foreign plants as are distinguished for their utility in medicine, agriculture, or the arts, and which are imported at present at very considerable expense from various quarters of the globe. Your memorialists cannot but suppose that the Legislature will assist in the acquisition of objects so important, and that they will afford the means of carrying into effect an undertaking so patriotic. They beg leave to mention that this was the first institution of the kind ever attempted in our country, though the example has been followed by several other States. The Legislature of Massachusetts conscious of the importance of a botanic garden, appropriated a considerable sum towards an establishment of that kind near the University of Cambridge. Our fellow citizens in Charleston (South Carolina) impressed with a similar view of the subject, have made liberal contributions towards providing a botanic garden, and since which it has received the patronage of the Legislature of that State. And as New York is confessedly the first in the Union in point of commerce and wealth, we cannot admit the idea that so important an institution should not receive at least as much support here as it has derived from other places, particularly as our country being young, and its vegetable productions unexplored, must naturally lead to botanical researches.

There is scarcely an instance of a medical school established in any of the populous cities of Europe which has not connected with it a botanic garden supported by public patronage, as in Edinburgh, Upsal, Leyden, &c., to each of which the resort of medical students has proved a considerable source of wealth. Your memorialists therefore humbly hope that the Legislature will aid whatever may tend to the establishment of such a system of medical education as will render it unnecessary for the medical pupil hereafter to seek for sources of improvement in other States, or in a foreign country, which may be as amply afforded in his own; and your memorialists consider that the present crisis of public affairs renders it still more necessary to cultivate at home the means of medical instruction.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) J. S. STRINGHAM,
W. POST,
V. SEAMAN.

On motion—

Resolved, That said memorial, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of this Society, be confided to the care of Dr. Hosack for presentation to the Honorable the Legislature of this State.

A certificate relative to the compensation paid to the members of the Legislature, signed by De Witt Clinton, was presented and read on behalf of the claims of Dr. Romayne for compensation as delegate to the State Society, in the following words:

"At the request of Dr. Romayne, I certify that the compensation of the members of the Legislature last session was four dollars per day, and that seventeen days were allowed for traveling to and from the city of New York.

"(Signed) DE WITT CLINTON.

"16th Jan'y, 1809."

An essay on Cynanche Trachealis, by Dr. J. V. Brower, was presented and read; and

On motion of Dr. Miller—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to its author.

J. B. Cougniac was presented as an ordinary member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, 3d April, 1809.

The Society being constituted, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating Benj'n P. Kissam had regularly studied physick and surgery for the time and in the manner prescribed by an Act for Regulating the Study of Physick and Surgery in this State, which being approved of by the Society, and the candidate being recommended by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to examine him according to the sixth section of said act. The candidate was accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physick and surgery. Being again introduced, the Vice-President communicated to him the resolution of the Society, and delivered an address relative to his duty and future conduct as a physician and surgeon, and he having assented to the obligations imposed by the Bye-Laws, was invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Dr. J. B. Cougniac having been nominated at last Quarterly Meeting as an ordinary member, the Society proceeded to the election, when Dr. Hosack and Dr. Bruce were appointed inspectors of the election, which being held, they reported the above mentioned gentleman as duly elected.

Dr. J. C. Strobel was nominated as an ordinary member of this Society, and several documents relative to his claims were left with the Secretary.

A printed circular from the President of the Medical Society of the State to the President of this Society, was read.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 3d, 1809.

The Society being constituted, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Sundry accounts against the Society were presented and read, and ordered to be discharged.

On motion—

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to the Delegate of this Society as full compensation for his services.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee consisting of three members be appointed to place such monies as may remain in the treasury (after paying the debts) in such stock, or at such interest as will be most advantageous to the Society.

Whereupon the Treasurer, Dr. Van Solingen, and Dr. Gamage, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to enforce such measures as the law authorizes for the collection of all arrearages after next Quarterly Meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to frame a report at the January meeting, general instructions for the conduct of the Delegate the ensuing winter.

Whereupon Dr. Rodgers, Dr. Post, and Dr. Miller, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Whereupon Dr. Gamage, Dr. Van Solingen, and Dr. Gillispie, were appointed for that purpose.

The Society then proceeded to the election of charter officers for the ensuing year, when Dr. Wright Post, Dr. Stringham, and Dr. Barrow, were appointed inspectors of said election, which being duly held, the following report was made:

We, the subscribers, inspectors of the election for charter officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. JAMES TILLARY, *President.*
Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. W. W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*
Dr. J. R. B. RODGERS,
Dr. WM. HAMERSLEY,
Dr. JNO. C. OSBORNE,
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. ARCHIBALD BRUCE, } *Censors.*

(Signed) WRIGHT POST,
JAS. S. STRINGHAM,
WM. BARROW.

Sundry papers relative to the claims of Dr. J. C. Strobel to a seat in this Society were read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That J. C. Strobel be considered as an original member of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the dues of J. C. Strobel, of this Society, be remitted.

A memorial from Dr. Kastener was read, and returned to the Vice-President.

The Secretary presented to the Society for their consideration several sections of the militia law. Whereupon—

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to draw up a remonstrance to the Legislature relative to a law passed last session, by which physicians and surgeons are obliged to perform military duty, and that they be authorized to correspond upon this subject with other county societies, and that they make their report at the next regular meeting of the Society.

Whereupon Dr. J. R. B. Rodgers, Dr. Post, and Dr. Ostrander, were appointed the said committee.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Oct. 2d, 1809.

The Society being constituted, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The President rose and delivered an address to the Society. Whereupon,

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the President for his patriotic and eloquent address, and that he be requested to address a circular to the presidents of the different county societies requesting their co-operation with that part of his address which related to the botanic garden.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan'y 1st, 1810.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and approved, no business was done on account of the day.

Society adjourned.

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Saturday, January 13th, 1810.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and approved.

A document signed by twenty members requesting the President to call an extra meeting of the Society, was read.

A certain document was presented and read, stating that Guy Carleton Bayley had regularly studied physic and surgery for

the term, and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, which being approved of, and the candidate being recommended to the Society by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to examine him according to the sixth section of said act.

The candidate was accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him the resolution of the Society in an address detailing his duties, and pointing out a proper line for his future conduct as a physician and surgeon, and he having assented to the obligation imposed by the Bye-Laws, was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

A letter from the Secretary of the Medical Society of Dutchess County, promising their co-operation with this Society in an address to the Legislature relative to the botanic garden, was read.

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society do renew their application to the Legislature for the purchase of the botanic garden.

Whereupon a memorial to the Legislature to that effect was presented and read in the words following, to wit:*

W. W. BUCHANAN, *Sec'y.*

On motion of Dr. Seaman—

Resolved, That said memorial be read by paragraphs, and that the sense of the Society be taken upon each separately, which being accordingly done and approved, the question was ultimately taken upon the whole and approved.

On motion, that—

Whereas, The securing of the botanic garden to the medical schools of this State is in the highest degree essential to the literary reputation of the same, and intimately connected with the promotion of medical science.

Resolved, That this Society request the co-operation of his honor the mayor, and the honorable the corporation of this city,

* Dr. Hosack took the memorial, and has neglected since to return it. It was impossible, therefore, for the Secretary to insert it.

and the governors of the New York Hospital, in petitioning the Legislature to purchase said garden for the benefit of the State.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to wait on the honorable the corporation and governors of the New York Hospital to solicit their co-operation in the memorial to the Legislature of this State respecting the botanic garden.

Whereupon Dr. Post, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Douglas, were nominated according for that purpose.

A report from a committee appointed to draft instructions for the Delegate was read and approved.

A report from a committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature respecting certain sections of the militia law was read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That the object contemplated by said report be intrusted to the Delegate's particular attention.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 2d, 1810.

The Society being constituted, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that Gerardus A. Cooper had regularly studied physic and surgery for the time and in the manner prescribed by the act entitled an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, which being duly approved of by the Society, the Censors were directed to proceed to his examination. The candidate was accordingly publickly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the Vice-President communicated to him the resolution of the Society with some appropriate remarks respecting his duty and future conduct as a physician and surgeon, and he having assented to the obligation imposed by the Bye-Laws, was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

A letter from the Delegate to the State Society, addressed to the President of this Society, and enclosing the transactions of the Medical Society of the State, with as much of the President of the State Society's anniversary address as he was able to obtain from the printer, was presented and read.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 2d, 1810.

The Society being constituted, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Gerardus A. Cooper was proposed as an ordinary member of this Society.

The Society then proceeded to the election of charter officers for the ensuing year, and Dr. Stringham and Dr. Van Solinger being appointed inspectors thereof, the following report was made:

We, the inspectors of the annual election for charter officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. JAMES TILLARY, *President.*
Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice-President.*
Dr. J. R. B. RODGERS, *Delegate to State Society.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST,
Dr. DAVID HOSACK,
Dr. ARCHIBALD BRUCE, } *Censors.*
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. JOHN BARROW,
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. W. W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*

(Signed) JAS. S. STRINGHAM,
N. M. VAN SOLINGEN.

Certain accounts were presented and read, and ordered to be paid.

A letter from Dr. N. Romayne to the President of the Society would direct the sum of sixty dollars to be paid over to the use of the Medical Society of the State on account of his services as Delegate last winter, was read, and the above sum directed to be paid as a compensation for his services.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Whereupon Drs. Douglass, Gillespie, and Boyd, were nominated for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That the roll be called at the opening of every meeting of this Society, and that every member who is not present to answer to his name be fined the sum of fifty cents.

On motion—

Resolved, That any member who shall continue delinquent in the payment of fines or annual contributions during the term of one year after being regularly notified, shall be considered as no longer entitled to the privileges of holding a seat in this Society.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed without delay to forward to every member the amount he stands indebted to the Society, together with the resolution just passed.

The following protest was then presented and read:

We, the subscribers, conceiving the resolution relative to the imposition of fines to be inconsistent with the powers granted by the charter, therefore request this, our protest against the same, may be entered upon the minutes.

(Signed) VALENTINE SEAMAN.
JNO. H. DOUGLASS.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Oct. 1st, 1810.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Fayette Cooper was nominated as an ordinary member of this Society.

The election of Gerardus A. Cooper (who had been nominated at the preceding quarterly meeting as an ordinary member) was postponed in conformity to the Third Sect. of the X Chap. of the Bye-Laws, relative to the admission of new members.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan'y 7th, 1811.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented stating that Caspar W. Eddy had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and the same being approved of, the candidate was recommended for a public examination.

The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced the Vice-President communicated to him the resolution of the Society, and he having assented to the obligations imposed by the Bye-Laws, was thereupon invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Mr. Fayette Cooper having been nominated at the preceding quarterly meeting, was elected by ballot as ordinary member of of this Society.

Mr. Gerardus A. Cooper was nominated an ordinary member of this Society.

A report from the committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer was read, and ordered to be recommitted.

A copy of the diploma of the Delegate from this Society to the State Society was read and approved of, and ordered to be signed by the President.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 1, 1811.

The Society being constituted the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that Seaman Hauxhurst and Theodore Romayne Beck had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and the same being approved of, the can-

didates were recommended for a public examination. The candidates were accordingly publicly and separately examined by the Censors, after which they retired, when the Society declared them entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to them in an appropriate address the resolution of the Society, and they having assented to the obligation directed by the laws, were thereupon severally invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Mr. Gerardus A. Cooper having been nominated at the previous quarterly meeting, was elected by ballot as ordinary member of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to procure a suitable book, or register, for the insertion of such original communications from members of the Society as the Society may direct.

A report from the Delegate of this County to the State Medical Society, was presented and read.

Whereas, The small-pox appears to prevail to an alarming degree in this city,

On motion—

Resolved, That the Medical Society placing the fullest confidence in the kine pock as a preventative to that disease, do earnestly recommend to all parents whose children have not been vaccinated to use that precaution without delay.

A chemical analysis of the alcomoque by I. Leymirie was presented by the President, and given in charge to the Secretary.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 1, 1811.

The Society being constituted, the roll called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Society then proceeded to the election of their charter officers as directed by law, and Drs. Hamersley, Torbet, and

Bruce, appointed inspectors thereof, the following report was made:

We, the inspectors of the annual election of charter officers for the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

JAMES TILLARY, *President.*
WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice-President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST,
Dr. RICH'D S. KISSAM,
Dr. WILLIAM HAMERSLEY, } *Censors.*
Dr. EDW'D MILLER,
Dr. V. SEAMAN,
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. W. W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*

(Signed) WM. HAMERSLEY,
ARCH'D BRUCE,
SAM'L TORBET.

Drs. John Watts, Henry Ustrick Onderdonk, Robert Bayard, Rev'd Richard Channing Moore, and Joseph Trowbridge, were proposed ordinary members of this Society.

Sundry accounts were presented and read, and ordered to be liquidated.

A report from the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer in 1810 was read and approved of, as follows, to wit:

We, the subscribers, appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's acts, have done so, and found them correct. That the Treasurer has received the sum of $530.53, out of which he has paid agreeably, to vouchers examined, $249.07. Balance now in treasury, $281.46. There remains yet due the Society from its members, 14th Sept., 1810, $394.95.

JNO. H. DOUGLASS.
THOS. BOYD.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1811.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Whereupon Drs. Hamersley, Hosack, and Pascalis, were nominated for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether and how far the privileges of the county societies as granted by their charter have been encroached upon by the late grants of the Legislature in favor of other institutions, and that they report at the next meeting of this Society.

Whereupon Drs. Seaman, Stilwell, and J. Post, were nominated for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Sept. 10, 1811.

The Society being constituted, and roll called, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A communication signed by twenty-one members of this Society respectfully requesting that the President would have an extraordinary meeting of the Society called with a view of having a candidate for a license to practice physic and surgery examined, he being so circumstanced as not to be enabled to wait until the quarterly meeting, was presented and read.

Certain documents were presented and read stating that John Lindley Fitz Randolph had regularly studied physic and surgery in this State, and the same being approved of, he was recommended for a public examination. The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him in an appropriate address the resolution of the Society, and he having assented to the obligations imposed by the laws, was thereupon invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, the 7th of October, 1811.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Drs. John Watts, Henry U. Onderdonk, and Robert Bayard,

having been regularly nominated at the last quarterly meeting as ordinary members, the Society proceeded to their election, which being duly held, the following report was made:

We, the inspectors of the election of candidates now before Medical Society, hereby declare that Drs. John Watts, Henry U. Underdonk, and Robert Bayard, have been unanimously elected members of this Society.

(Signed) ARCH'D BRUCE.
WM. STILWELL.
H. M. VAN SOLINGEN.

Oct. 7th, 1811.

The election of Dr. Richard Channing Moore, and Dr. Joseph Trowbridge, who had been also regularly nominated at the preceding quarterly meeting, was ordered to lay over until the next.

Dr. Wm. M. Ross, and Dr. Samuel W. Moore, were proposed as ordinary members of this Society.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The committee appointed to inquire whether and how far the privileges of the county societies as granted by their charter had been encroached upon by the late grants of the Legislature in favor of other institutions, were dissolved at the request of their chairman.

A communication from certain persons associated together for promoting instruction in medical science, was presented and read.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan'y 6, 1812.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Rich'd Channing Moore, Dr. Jos. Trowbridge, Dr. Wm. Ross, and Dr. Sam'l W. Moore, having been regularly nominated as ordinary members, the Society proceeded to their election, which being duly held, the following report was made:

We, the inspectors of the election of candidates now before

the Society, declare that Dr. Richard Channing Moore, Dr. Jos. Trowbridge, Dr. William Ross, and Dr. Samuel Moore, have been unanimously elected members of this Society.

(Signed) H. M. VAN SOLINGEN.
WM. HAMERSLEY.
SAM'L OSBORNE.

Dr. Henry Fish, Dr. J. M. Scott McKnight, and Dr. Samuel R. Marshall, were proposed members of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Delegate of this Society to the Medical Society of the State be requested to renew his efforts in that body for an application to the Legislature to obtain for medical practitioners exemption from military duty.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Delegate be further requested to obtain the co-operation of the Medical Society of the State in procuring from the Legislature an act compelling all persons to attend a course of public medical instruction before they be recognized as lawful practitioners in this State.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 6th, 1812.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that Zebulon W. Seaman had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, which being approved of by the Society, the Censors were directed to proceed to his examination.

The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced the President communicated to him the resolution of the Society, with some appropriate remarks respecting his duty and future conduct as a physician and surgeon, and he having assented to the obligation imposed by the Bye-Laws, was there-

upon invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Drs. Geo. Davis, Caspar W. Eddy, James L. Phelps, and Joshua Fisher, were proposed as ordinary members of this Society.

Dr. Sam'l R. Marshall, Henry Fish, Jno. M. Scott McKnight, having been proposed at a preceding quarterly meeting, were duly elected ordinary members of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Rev'd Dr. Moore's initiation fee be remitted.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. A. Brower be entitled to a diploma of membership, he intending to remove from the State.

A report from a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer was read and approved, as follows, to wit:

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer report that there is now in the treasury the sum of $251.09, and that the fines incurred to the anniversary meeting of July, 1811, including what was formerly due, amount to $596.95. The Treasurer has received $298.46, out of which he has paid $47.37. Balance now in the treasury $251.09.

(Signed) WM. HAMERSLEY, *Chairman.*

A communication from the Delegate to the State Society was read and approved.

On motion—

Whereas, Several persons have from time to time been admitted ordinary members of this Society, and have neglected or refused to sign the Constitution and Bye-laws of the same,

Resolved, That unless they come forward and sign the Constitution and Bye-Laws on or before the day of , they shall no longer be considered as members of this Society, and their names shall be expunged from the minutes.

Ordered to lie over till next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to procure a ballot box, and suitable apartments for the future meetings of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise and to inquire if any and what alterations are necessary in the Bye-Laws, and that they report at the next meeting of the Society.

Whereupon Dr. Romayne, Dr. Hamersley, and Dr. Rodgers, were nominated for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of New York, held July 6th, 1812.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that Peter V. C. Tappan had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State; these were approved of by the Society, and the Censors directed to proceed to examine him. The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, and the Society voted him a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him the vote of the Society in an appropriate address, and received his assent to the obligation imposed by the Bye-Laws.

The Society then proceeded to the election of its charter officers, which being duly held, the following report was made:

We, the inspectors of the election of charter officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. JAMES TILLARY, *President.*
Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. WALTER W. BUCHANAN, *Secretary.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST,
Dr. WILLIAM HAMERSLEY,
Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, } *Censors.*
Dr. RICHARD S. KISSAM,
Dr. ARCHIBALD BRUCE,

(Signed) JOHN GAMAGE.
JOHN C. OSBORN.

On motion—

Resolved, That the fines of Dr. Dayton, Dr. Cutter, and Dr. Meyer, be remitted.

On motion—

Resolved, That all fines that may have become due from any member during the period he may have resided in another place, be remitted, and that all fines due from estates of deceased members be remitted.

Drs. Geo. Davis, Caspar W. Eddy, James L. Phelps, and Joshua Fisher, were duly elected ordinary members.

John Wakefield Francis, M. D., was proposed as an ordinary member.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and that they be authorized to appropriate surplus monies in any way most conducive to the interests of the Society.

Whereupon Drs. Hamersley, Van Solingen, and S. W. Moore, were nominated a committee for that purpose.

The following report was presented by the committee appointed to revise the Bye-Laws:

The committee appointed by the Medical Society of the County of New York to report on the Bye-Laws, respectfully present the following laws:

1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to report to the President in writing, and under his signature, the names of all such persons as shall have been admitted or elected, and who have neglected or refused to sign the Bye-Laws, which report shall be laid before the Society at each anniversary meeting, and shall be read. And it shall further be the duty of the Secretary, within seven days thereafter, to notify each person so named in such report of such proceedings, and every person thus notified who shall continue to neglect or refuse to sign the Constitution and Bye-Laws before the next anniversary meeting after such report shall have been made, shall be considered as no longer connected with this Society, and shall be divested of all privileges, rights, and immunities, appertaining to a member thereof.

2. Any member may propose a candidate for a seat in this Society as member, but the documents and testimonials relative to all the qualifications of such candidate shall be placed in the

hands of one of the Censors, who shall report in writing thereon at the next meeting previous to the candidate's being balloted for.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 5th, 1812.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Buchanan expressed his wish to resign his office of Secretary, and tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Society.

The President nominated Dr. Henry U. Onderdonk to supply the vacancy as Secretary *pro tempore.*

A document was presented and read stating that Edward M. Bibby had studied physic and surgery as prescribed by law, and the Censors were directed to examine him. This examination having been publicly made, the candidate retired.

The Society then voted him a license to practise physic and surgery. The candidate being again introduced, and having assented to the usual obligation, the President communicated to him the vote of the Society.

Dr. Hamersley read to the Society from "the transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York for the year 1812," the following "summary of the amendments to the medical law passed the last session of the Legislature:"

"1st. Any student who may hereafter be licensed by the State Society shall pay to the president thereof $10, and if licensed by a county society, $5.

"2d. The State Society may elect annually two physicians or surgeons as permanent members thereof.

"3d. Any person who shall practice physic or surgery without being legally licensed, shall pay for each offence $25, unless he practice without fee or reward.

"4th. All persons who may be hereafter licensed to practice physic or surgery, shall deposit a copy of such license with the clerk of the county in which such practitioners may reside, and until this be complied with, such practitioners shall be liable to the penalty of this Act."

Drs. Hamersley, Van Solingen, and S. W. Moore, the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and for other purposes, reported that they had loaned $242.58 to bear interest from the 5th of July, 1812.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society proceed to ballot for the admission of Dr. John W. Francis, and the ballot being examined, the President declared Dr. Francis to be duly elected.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ a person to call on and deliver to each member who is in arrears to the Society, a copy of the 8th Sect. of 9th Chap. of the Bye-Laws, concerning the penalties of neglecting to discharge arrears, which person shall also be authorized to receive the dues; and if after such notice the delinquent does not pay his dues according to the provisions of said Bye-Law, the said delinquent shall forfeit his membership to the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report at the quarterly meeting in January next, whether any or what instructions are necessary for the Delegate.

Whereupon the President nominated Drs. Romayne, Rodgers, and Hamersley, to constitute said committee.

Dr. Matthew Cunningham was proposed as an ordinary member, and his testimonials were delivered to one of the Censors.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan. 4th, 1813.

The President being absent, the Vice-President declared the Society constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

A document stating that James Inderwick had studied physic and surgery as prescribed by law was, presented and read, and the Censors were directed to examine him publicly. The examination being concluded, the candidate retired, and the Society voted him a diploma entitling him to practice physic and

surgery. On returning the candidate assented to the usual obligation, and the Vice-President communicated to him the vote of the Society, with an appropriate address.

A report was read from the committee appointed concerning instructions for the Delegate, as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred the propriety of reporting instructions for the Delegate of this Society to the Medical Society of the State, respectfully report: That your committee have duly considered the subject matter referred to their deliberation, and beg leave respectfully to state to the Society that, under existing circumstances, they deem it inexpedient to charge the Delegate with any special instructions.

"In behalf of the committee,

"NICHOLAS ROMAYNE, *Chairman.*

"NEW YORK, Dec. 14th, 1812."

Which report was accepted by the Society.

Dr. Post, as Censor, reported in writing that he had examined the credentials of Dr. Matthew Cunningham, proposed at the last meeting, and found them satisfactory.

Whereupon Dr. Matthew Cunningham was balloted for, and declared by the Vice-President to be duly elected as a member.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Vice-President be requested to wait on his honor, the Mayor, and solicit his influence in procuring the use of a room in the City Hall for the meetings of this Society, with which request the Vice-President consented to comply.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 5th, 1813.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following report from the Delegate was received and read:

"*Dr. James Tillary, President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*

"NEW YORK, April 5th, 1813.

"SIR—I have the honor to inform the County Medical Society that I attended as their Delegate the Annual Meeting of

the Medical Society of the State of New York, which took place on the 2d of February last, at the City of Albany. The meeting, though respectably attended, had not as many delegates as in some former years, owing to the prevalence of much disease through the greater part of the State, and this same excuse made it necessary for the delegates who did attend to leave Albany sooner than they otherwise would, the session was of consequence not as long as usual. Our meeting was harmonious and instructive. Several communications were made on the disease which has generally invaded our State the last winter. This fever which has excited so much attention has been anomalous; it occurred at a season of the year in which the inflamatory type might have been expected to be highly prevalent, yet showed appearances not occurring generally at such season, and gave results not usually following ordinary practice in ordinary years. In the neighborhood of lakes in the western part of the State, the disease, in December and January, took on a type different from what appeared in places where the situation was mountainous, and no marsh or stagnant water appeared. It was evidently the effect of a morbid state or constitution of the atmosphere, and gave a different appearance of the complaint in different local situations, and showed that the predisposition formed by the air in the summer and beginning of autumn produced effects in December and January in these several places corresponding with the different states of the atmosphere in the preceding summer. In the County of Greene, in which are the Catskill Mountains and where no marshes exist, and no water but in a rapidly moving state, the disease bore bleeding, but not by any means to the extent either of frequency or quantity as in former years, and in the western counties in the proximity of lakes, bleeding was altogether injurious.

"It was deemed expedient not to apply to the Legislature for any change in the law for regulating the practice of physic.

"Dr. Lyman Spalding, Professor of Anatomy in Fairfield Academy, and Dr. George C. Shattuck, of Boston, were chosen honorary members, and Dr. Samuel Bard, and Dr. Nich's Romayne, permanent members of the Society. Inclosed is a list of the officers of the State Medical Society for the present year.

"With much respect,

"I have the honor to be

"Your most obedient servant,

"JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Delegate.*

"*Officers of the Medical Society of the State of New York for* 1813.

"Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, of New York, *President.*
"Dr. JOSEPH WHITE, of Otsego, *Vice-President.*
"Dr. JOHN STEARNS, of Albany, *Secretary.*
"Dr. JAMES L. VAN KLEECK, of Dutchess, *Treasurer.*
"Dr. ELI BURRITT, of Troy,
"Dr. WILLIAM REED, of Montgomery,
"Dr. JESSE SHEPHERD, of Schoharie, } *Censors.*
"Dr. JOHN STEARNS, of Albany,
"Dr. ELIHU HEDGES, of ORANGE,
"Dr. RODGERS,
"Dr. WHITE,
"Dr. ASAHEL PAYNE,
"Dr. WILLIAM WILSON, } *Corresponding Committee.*"
"Dr. VAN KLEECK,
"Dr. LEVI WARD,
"Dr. WESTEL WILLOUGHBY,

On motion—

Resolved, That the above report be accepted, and that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Delegate.

The Vice-President reported that agreeably to the request of the Society, he had waited upon the Mayor, who was disposed to accede to the wishes of the Society, and at whose suggestion he had addressed a letter to the corporation, to which he had received no answer.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Vice-President and one other member be a committee for procuring a permanent place of meeting for the Society.

Whereupon Dr. Rodgers was nominated by the President, with the Vice-President, to constitute said committee.

Documents were read stating that Samuel G. Mott, and William Langstaff, had studied medicine during the term prescribed by law, and the Censors were directed to proceed to their public examination, on which they made a satisfactory report. The candidates having retired, the Society voted them diplomas entitling them to practice physic and surgery.

The candidates being re-admitted, assented to the usual obli-

gation, and were addressed by the President on their professional duties and pursuits.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of revising and collecting the Bye-Laws, to present them together with the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State as now amended, to the Society at their next anniversary meeting. And that this committee be further instructed to present at the same time a list of the members of this Society, omitting therefrom the names of all those who are deceased, or have permanently removed from this city.

On motion—

Resolved, That this committee consist of three.

Whereupon the President nominated Drs. Hamersley, Bruce, and the Secretary. Dr. Samuel A. Walsh was proposed as a member, and Dr. Rodgers requested to report on his credentials.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 5th, 1813.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

A document was read stating that William Van Deursen had studied physic and surgery as directed by law, and the Censors were directed to hold his public examination. On this the Censors reported favorably, and upon the candidate withdrawing the Society voted him a diploma entitling him to practice physic and surgery. On being re-admitted the candidate assented to the usual obligation, and was addressed by the President on his professional duties.

The following preamble and motion was made, seconded, and carried :

"That the Comitia Minora having omitted to report their proceedings for some meetings past,

"*Resolved*, That they be requested to produce them according to the existing laws at the next meeting of the Society."

Dr. Hamersley stated to the Society that Dr. Walsh (pro-

posed as a member at the last meeting) had removed from this County, and the Society accordingly did not proceed to his election.

The President appointed Dr. Seaman, Dr. John C. Osborn, and Dr. Stringham, as a committee to inspect the elections of officers for the ensuing year, who made the following report, viz.:

The committee appointed to examine the votes, report the following gentlemen elected to the following offices, viz.:

Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, *President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. HENRY U. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. VALENTINE MOTT,
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. JAMES S. STRINGHAM,
Dr. SAMUEL OSBORN,
} *Censors.*

(Signed) JAS. S. STRINGHAM.
JOHN C. OSBORN.
V. SEAMAN.

Certain accounts against the Society were presented and read, and ordered to be discharged.

The following report from the Secretary was read, viz.:

"*To the President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*

"In pursuance of a bye-law passed at the last anniversary meeting, the Secretary begs leave respectfully to report, that the following persons have been elected members, and have neglected to sign the Bye-Laws, viz.: S. Ricketson, elected Jan'y 5th, 1807, removed; B. Dewitt, elected July 6th, 1807; J. A. Woodward, elected Jan'y 4th, 1808, removed; F. Cooper, elected Jan'y 7th, 1811; J. S. M. McKnight, elected April 6th, 1812; C. W. Eddy, elected July 6th, 1812.

"(Signed) HENRY U. ONDERDONK, *Secretary pro tem.*

"NEW YORK, July 5th, 1813."

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, appropriate any surplus fund there may be in the treasury, and report thereon at the next meeting of the Society.

Whereupon the President nominated Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Van Solingen, and Dr. S. W. Moore, to constitute said committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the meeting be adjourned till 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 6th, 1813.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

An account against the Society was read, and directed to be discharged.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that the Secretary procure proper benches for the accommodation of the Society.

The minutes of the Comitia Minora for the preceding year were read.

The following report was presented and read, viz.:

"The committee appointed to report a revised code of the Bye-Laws of this Society; also the amended law for regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State; also a list of the members, omitting therefrom all those who are deceased or permanently removed from this city, beg leave to report:

"1. That they have revised and collected all the Bye-Laws of this Society, and have incorporated with them such laws of the State Society as are enjoined on us by law; also certain existing regulations of this Society which required to be defined by express laws.

"2. That they have procured a certified copy of 'an Act to Incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State,' passed April 10th, 1813.

"3. That they have drafted a list of members deceased, or permanently removed, 56 in number, and a corrected roll of the Medical Society of the County of New York, containing 113 names.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"WM. HAMERSLEY, *Chairman.*

"NEW YORK, July 5th, 1813."

Whereupon the Bye-Laws having been read by sections and amended, also the act, and the two lists of names, the report was adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee appointed for the revision of the Bye-Laws, &c., be a committee for their publication, together with the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery as reported, and that they be authorized to print, at their direction, any number of copies not exceeding five hundred.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Oct. 4th, 1813.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President addressed the Society on taking his seat. He then read a memoir on *Uterine Hemorrhage*, in which he adopted the division of this accident into two varieties, according as the placenta is attached over the mouth of the uterus, or to some other part of its internal surface. The former are called *unavoidable*, the latter, *accidental*; the one requires delivery by art, the other may usually be controlled by palliative means. He then stated the results of forty-three cases in which he had practised according to these principles, and made the following conclusions: "first, that of all the flooding cases, which occur in the latter months of pregnancy, about two-thirds are accidental, and may be safely trusted to nature, as the mothers generally recover, and a majority of children are born alive; secondly, that the other third are unavoidable ones, which prove fatal to about one-half the women and children."

A document signed Eleazar Gidney, and another signed Valentine Mott, were read, stating that James M. Gardiner had studied physic and surgery for three years and upwards, whereupon the Censors were directed to examine him publicly. The examination being concluded, the Censors reported him to the President as qualified for the practice of physic and surgery, and on the candidate's retiring, the Society voted him a license.

On being re-admitted, he assented to and signed the obligation, and the President conferred the diploma with a suitable address.

On motion—

Resolved unanimously, That the memoir read by the President be recorded in the Society's register for original communications.

The following report was read and adopted:

"The committee appointed to publish the By-Laws of the Society, together with the act reported at the last meeting, beg leave to report:

"That they have caused to be printed 400 copies of 'an Act to Incorporate Medical Societies for the Purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State,' passed April 10th, 1813, together with the By-Laws of the Medical Society of the County of New York, incorporated July 1, 1806.

"That the cost of printing, &c., was $46.69, and that they are in the possession of the Secretary.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"Signed in behalf of the committee,

"WM. HAMERSLEY, *Chairman.*

"NEW YORK, Oct. 4th, 1813."

On motion—

Resolved, That a copy of the By-Laws, &c., be sent through the post-office to each member who has not already received the same; that a copy be sent to the president of each county society; that 150 copies be reserved for future candidates and new members, and that the committee of publication be authorized to make such other distribution as they may think proper.

The following report was read and adopted:

"The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and appropriate any surplus fund, do report, that they find in the treasury $250.25 bearing interest from 5th day of July, 1813.

"The committee further report, that the interest arising from $242.58 for one year to 5th of July last, being $16.97, and the amount received for diplomas and dues amounting to $98.25, making in the whole $357.80, and that the expenditures for the year ending 4th July last, amounted to $107.45, leaving as above recited in the treasury $250.25.

"WM. HAMERSLEY, *Chairman.*

"NEW YORK, Oct. 2d, 1813."

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan'y 3d, 1814.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be ordered to carry into effect as soon as convenient the 7th Sec. of 12th Chapter of the By-Laws, and to report to the Society at the proper time each delinquent, together with the sum due.

The Secretary read to the Society a certain document directed to him in the words following, to wit:

ALBANY, Oct. 18th, 1813.

SIR—I am directed by the Medical Society of the County of Albany to request your serious attention to the following report. The various important amendments proposed in the Act Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery, cannot fail of receiving your examination, as they concern the welfare of an important and highly useful profession. I have also to request that you will communicate this circular to the medical society to which you belong, and to desire your aid, and that of your medical brethren, in furthering the views of the Medical Society of the County of Albany, provided they are consonant to your ideas on the subject.

I remain, sir,
Your most obedient serv't,
J. EIGHTS, *President.*

Medical Society of the County of Albany.

The committee appointed to enquire what amendments are necessary to be made in the law Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, report—

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and being unable to procure a copy of the revised law, have examined the act passed April 4th, 1806, together with the amendments enacted in the session of 1811–12. These they understand are still in force. The committee report that, in their opinion, it would be conducive to the welfare of the medical profession were the second section of the above act repealed, together with all the subsequent sections, parts of sections, and amendments, which refer to the establishment and organization of the Medical Society of the State of New York. They further add that, in their opinion, the State Society is injurious to the promotion of medical knowledge and the advancement of the

profession. Since its funds are partly created in a manner that diverts them from the county medical societies, the only real sources from whence progressive improvement is to be expected. Since its meetings are held so seldom, and for so short a period, that but little can be done to increase the stock of medical information, at least in proportion to the inconvenience and expense attendant on it proceedings. Since its powers and privileges are in many cases injurious, and indeed, in some, directly opposed to those of the county medical societies (particularly those of the county of Albany), and the committee do not hesitate to say, hurtful to the interests of the profession at large.

From these considerations, when the further utility of the State Medical Society is certainly questionable, when the experience of six years has proved that but little has been added by its members that is valuable or interesting in medicine, while the importance of the county societies appears to be proportionably neglected, the committee deem it their duty to propose the following amendments and alterations to be made in the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery:

1. That the Medical Society of the State of New York be abolished, and that the power of examining students be vested in the county medical societies.

2. That in case any student applying for permission to practice physic and surgery shall consider himself aggrieved by the decision of a county society, he shall be allowed to appeal to any of the medical institutions within the State for re-examination.

3. That provision be made by law directing the respective county medical societies to invest that part of their funds which arises from fees for the admission of gentlemen to the practice of physic and surgery, exclusively in the purchase of medical books or surgical instruments for the use of their members.

4. That no medical society shall proceed to the examination of persons offering for admission to the practice of physic and surgery, except (in addition to their having studied three years with a physician) they produce a certificate or diploma of having attended at least one course of lectures at some of the medical institutions in the United States, or foreign countries.

5. That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of each medical society to procure by letter, or otherwise, at every quarterly meeting, a certified copy from the clerk of the county in which he resides, of the names of those persons who have deposited their licenses to practice in his office, and in case there are individuals who, to the treasurer's knowledge, are practising without having complied with the provisions of the act, he shall

prosecute the delinquent according to law, without having respect to reports of these persons being authorized to practice.

6. That, in all cases, where persons from neighboring States, or from Europe, have commenced the practice of physic and surgery in this State since the passage of ye amendments to the act in the session of 1811–12, as well as hereafter, it shall be enjoined on every medical society to demand, at their regular meetings, by a summons signed by their president, an exhibition of the certificate, or diploma, under which said persons practise, and in case the individual does not present one within a reasonable time after being regularly notified, or exhibits one that is deemed unsatisfactory, he shall be prosecuted (if he practices for fee or reward) by the treasurer in the name of the society, according to the provisions of the act. To effect the above amendments and alterations, the committee respectfully submit the following resolutions to the Society:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a petition to be presented to the Legislature at their ensuing session, requesting them to make the above alterations in the act for regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

2. *Resolved*, That a circular be immediately addressed to the respective county medical societies stating to them the intentions of this society, and requesting them to join in the above petition.

JAMES LOW,
T. ROMEYN BECK, } *Committee.*

October 11th, 1813.

The above report was accepted by the Society, and a committee appointed to draft a copy of a petition to the Legislature.

Resolved, That the report of the committee, with prefaratory remarks by the President, be the circular, to be addressed to the respective county societies.

A true extract from the minutes.

T. ROMEYN BECK, *Secretary.*

Whereupon the following preamble and motion were made, seconded, and carried.

A letter having been read by the Secretary purporting to be from the Medical Society of the County of Albany, proposing an application to the Legislature for abolishing the Medical Society of the State of New York, &c. Whereupon—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Society, no alterations should be made in ye present law for Regulating the Practice of

Physic and Surgery in the State of New York. And that the Delegate be instructed to co-operate with the members of the State Society in opposing all attempts to abridge or destroy the rights or powers of the State Medical Society, or the county medical societies in this State.

Also, on motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on the letter received from the County Medical Society of Albany, expressive of our disapprobation of the measures therein proposed. And that a copy of the report be sent to each of the county societies throughout the State.

The President nominated and appointed Drs. Seaman, Bruce, and Mott, to constitute said committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the representatives of the City and County of New York be furnished with a copy of the circular letter from this Society to the several county medical societies, and be respectfully requested to aid in preventing the innovations proposed by the Medical Society of the County of Albany.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society adjourn from day to day to meet on Thursday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

January 4th, 1814. The Secretary and one other member attended and adjourned ye meeting in due form.

January 5th, 1814. The Secretary and one other member attended and adjourned the meeting in due form.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan'y 6th, 1814.

The President and Vice-President being absent, the senior Censor took the chair.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the proceedings of

the 3d inst. were read, and after sundry amendments, were approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the President of the Medical Society of the County of Albany, together with certain resolutions passed by said society, respectfully report.

That, after having given due attention to the letter and resolutions referred to, they beg leave to state—

That, on taking a retrospective view of the history of medicine in the State of New York, they are fully sensible of the rapid improvements which have taken place within the few last years, particularly since the year 1806, which they conceive to be in great measure owing to the act passed by the Honorable the Legislature of this State on the fourth day of April, in that year, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery, which provides for the establishment of incorporated medical societies in the respective counties, to whose direction the regulation of the practice of physic and surgery has been confided.

As these county medical societies are widely distributed throughout this extensive State, the law very wisely directs that each county society shall elect from its members a delegate who is, on the first Tuesday of February in every year, to meet at Albany the delegates from the other counties, and under the title of the Medical Society of the State of New York, to consult on the condition of medicine in their respective counties, and to redress such grievances as may come before them.

The adoption of this act of the Honorable the Legislature, has been attended with the most beneficial effects, inasmuch as that it is with great pleasure your committee have to state, that this advancement in the knowledge of the healing art continues to progress, not only in this, but in every other county in which an incorporated medical society has been established.

Your committee beg leave to represent that the Medical Society of the State has been, ever since its establishment, materially instrumental in advancing the science of medicine, and in supporting the character and respectability of the profession; of this, satisfactory proof may be had by a reference to the proceedings of the State Medical Society, which have been annually laid before the public.

Under these considerations your committee are of opinion, that in participating in the proposed application to the Legislature, the Medical Society of the County of New York would commit an act of injustice towards the Medical Society of the

State, at the same time that it would be giving unnecessary trouble to the Honorable the Legislature, who, in the revised law passed during the last session, afforded every means in their power towards promoting medical science.

Your committee cannot but hope that the Medical Society of the County of Albany, on a reconsideration of the subject, will themselves relinquish the plan proposed—a measure which will prove highly acceptable to this, and, doubtless, to every other county medical society in the State.

VALENTINE SEAMAN.
ARCHIBALD BRUCE.
VALENTINE MOTT.

NEW YORK, 6th January, 1814.

On motion—

Resolved, That the same committee, together with the President and Secretary, be authorized to have printed as many copies as they may deem necessary of the above report, with proper extracts from the minutes, and to circulate the same at their discretion.

Society adjourned.

At an Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 11th, 1814.

A request signed by fifteen members, and an order from the President for calling this meeting, were read.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that Nicholas Van Vranken had studied medicine and surgery for three years, and the Censors were directed to hold his public examination. On this they reported favorably, and the Society having voted him a license, the President conferred the diploma with a suitable address.

Dr. Stillwell exhibited to the Society a remarkable case of spina bifida. The patient was a child of five years old. Its mother states, that on the evening of its birth it was entirely free from all deformity, but on the morning following, a tumour appeared on the sacrum about as large as a black walnut. This has gradually increased in size, and its present dimensions are

as follows: largest circumference, 1 foot, 7 inches; smallest circumference, 1 foot, 5¼ inches; circumference of the neck, 11¾ inches. The tumour is perfectly transparent, and the ramifications of enlarged cutaneous vessels are visible. The child's general health does not seem impaired.

The following letter was received from the Saratoga Medical Society, and after being read was ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Saratoga Medical Society, held February 1st, 1814.

The secretary having read a letter from the Medical Society of the County of Albany soliciting assistance in a proposed application to the Legislature for "certain alterations and amendments in the law for regulating the practice of physic and surgery," which regulations, among other things, contemplates the abolition of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Therefore—

Resolved, That this Society will not unite in any petition to the Legislature which has for its object the *destruction* of the State Medical Society.

Resolved, That John H. Steel, Billy T. Clark, and Samuel Pitkin, be a committee to report on the letter from the Albany Medical Society, *disapprobating* the contemplated amendments to the law therein proposed.

The committee are not insensible of the advantage that *might* arise to the healing art from some of the alterations in the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery as contemplated by the Medical Society of the County of Albany, particularly those contained in the fourth, fifth, and sixth alterations therein specified, but as the *principal* object contemplated by the amendments proposed appears to be the *abolition* of the Medical Society of the State of New York, the committee are fully of the opinion that such alterations ought not to be made.

1st. Because the State Medical Society is the grand link which connects the different county societies together, and evidently tends to keep up that harmony and social intercourse between them which is so essential to the advancement of the profession.

2ndly. Because the State Medical Society forms the only *proper tribunal* before which difficulties arising between different societies, or between individuals of the same society, can be brought in order to be adjusted.

And finally. Because *none* of the evils complained of by the Medical Society of the County of Albany, do (in the opinion of of this committee), actually exist.

JOHN H. STEEL.
BILLY T. CLARK.
SAM'L PITKIN.

SARATOGA, February 1st, 1814.

Resolved, That the secretary send a copy of the above proceeding to the President of the Medical Society of the County of Albany.

Extracted from the minutes.

ASA C. BARNEY, *President.*

JOHN H. STEEL, *Sec'y.*

The following report was read and adopted:

The committee authorized to print and circulate the report adopted at the last meeting, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have had printed four hundred and fifty copies of the said report with proper extracts from the minutes, and have sent a copy to the President and Secretary of the Medical Society of the State, and to ye presidents and secretaries of the several county medical societies, also to different members of the State Legislature, and other gentlemen of political influence, and the members of this Society generally.

Signed in behalf of the committee.

WM. MOORE, *Chairman.*

NEW YORK, March 11th, 1814.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 4th, 1814.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A document signed Smith Cutter was presented and read, stating that Hugh Sweeny had studied medicine and surgery exceeding three years, and the Censors were directed to hold his public examination. On this they reported favourably, and the Society having voted him a license, the President conferred the diploma, with a suitable address.

The following from the Delegate was read, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

"NEW YORK, April 4th, 1814.

"SIR—I have the honor of informing the Medical Society of the County of New York that, as their Delegate, I attended the meeting of the Medical Society of the State, which commenced its session on the 1st of February last, at Albany. The Society was more fully attended than at any former meeting that I have witnessed, and its proceedings marked with a spirit of great friendship and harmony, as well as ardor, in promoting the interests of our profession.

"The following officers were chosen on the first day of the session for the present year, viz.:

"Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, of New York, *President.*
"Dr. JOSEPH WHITE, of Otsego, *Vice-President.*
"Dr. JAMES L. VAN KLEECK, of Dutchess, *Treasurer.*
"Dr. ELI BURRITT, of Rensallaer, *Secretary.*
"Dr. ELI BURRITT, of Rensallaer,
"Dr. JAMES LOW, of Albany,
"Dr. WESTEL WILLOUGHBY, of Herkimer, } *Censors.*
"Dr. ELIHU HEDGES, of Orange,
"Dr. WM. A. REED, of Montgomery,
"Dr. RODGERS,
"Dr. HEDGES,
"Dr. WHITE,
"Dr. HULL, of Ontario, } *Committee of Correspondence.*
"Dr. JACOBS, of Onondaga,

"With much personal respect and esteem,
"I have the honor to be your
"Ob't hble serv't,
"JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Delegate.*

"Dr. WILLIAM MOORE, M. D., *President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*"

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be permitted to employ a clerk when there are original communications to be recorded, and when the minutes are longer than usual.

Dr. John C. Cheeseman, Guy C. Bayley, and Lyman Spalding, were proposed as members, and Dr. Mott, as Censor, was appointed to report on their credentials.

Society adjourned.

MONDAY, July 4th, 1814.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society happening on the same day as the celebration of the Independence, the Secretary and one other member attended and adjourned the meeting according to the first section of the first chapter of the Bye-Laws.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 5th, 1814.

The President and Vice-President being absent, the senior Censor took the chair.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and after certain amendments, were approved.

The following letter from the President was read, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

NEW YORK, July 4th, 1814.

SIR—You will please to communicate to the members of the Society my sincere thanks for the honors they have heretofore conferred on me in having so often elected me one of their presidents, and assure them I shall ever retain a grateful sense of their past favors. But at the same time I wish them to be explicitly informed that a desire to promote the welfare of the Society, and to consult my own comfort, induces me in future to decline being a candidate for any of its offices, and I am persuaded that there are many of its young members who are more capable of performing the duties of the offices than your friend and

humble servant,

(Signed) WM. MOORE.

H. U. ONDERDONK, *Sec'y.*

The chairman appointed Drs. Van Solengen, Hamersley, and David Hosack, inspectors of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the election being duly held, the inspectors made the following report:

We, the inspectors of the election for officers of the Medical

Society of the County of New York, held July 5th, 1814, report the following gentlemen as duly elected, viz.:

Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. HENRY U. ONDERDONK, *Secretary.*
Dr. JAMES S. STRINGHAM,
Dr. VALENTINE MOTT,
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. JOHN WATTS, } *Censors.*

(Signed) HENRY M. VAN SOLENGEN,
WM. HAMERSLEY,
DAVID HOSACK, } *Inspectors.*

NEW YORK, July 5th, 1814.

Dr. Rodgers then took the chair as the President.

Certain accounts against the Society were read, and ordered to be discharged.

The minutes of the Comitia Minora for the preceding year were read.

The following report was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

"The Secretary begs leave to respectfully report, that Drs. De Witt, McKnight, and T. Cooper, who were reported at the last anniversary as having not signed the By-Laws, having been duly notified, and having not yet signed the same, by which omission their title to membership has been forfeited.

"That a proper notice was addressed to Dr. Ricketson, at Troy, the receipt of which has not been acknowledged.

"And that the address of Dr. Woodward is not known to the Sec'y.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"(Signed) HENRY U. ONDERDONK, M. D., *Secretary.*

"NEW YORK, July 5th, 1814."

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and to appropriate the surplus fund in the treasury, be renewed.

On motion—

Resolved, That the fines of Drs. Douglass, Jotham Post, Jr.,

and Abraham Brower, during their absence from the city, be remitted.

Dr. V. Mott, as Censor, reported the several credentials of Drs. John C. Cheesman, Guy C. Bayley, and Lyman Spalding, which being deemed satisfactory by the Society, they were severally balloted for and declared to be admitted members. Drs. Alex. H. Stevens, Peter C. Tappan, Nehemiah Brush, Jr., and Sam'l G. Mott, were proposed as members, and Dr. V. Mott, as Censor, appointed to examine their credentials.

The Secretary communicated a case and dissection of external and internal disease of the head, which, after being read, was ordered to be recorded on the register of original communications.

The following preamble and motion were proposed and carried:

Whereas, It is believed that some plan might be devised which would tend to further the objects of this Society in the promotion and diffusion of medical knowledge. Therefore—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report thereon at the next regular meeting.

The President appointed Drs. Seaman, Cock, and Tillary, to constitute said committee.

Society adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Oct. 5th, 1814.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, do report, that there remains in the treasury the sum of $289.62 bearing lawful interest from 5th of July, 1814.

WM. HAMERSLEY, *Chairman.*

Sept. 9th, 1814.

Dr. V. Mott, as Censor, reported the several credentials of Drs. Alex'r H. Stevens, Peter C. Tappan, Nehemiah Brush, Jun'r, and Samuel G. Mott, which being deemed satisfactory by the Society, they were severally balloted for, and declared duly elected members.

A report was presented by Dr. Seaman, chairman, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting, which, after being read and amended, was agreed to as follows:

To the Medical Society of the County of New York.

The committee appointed to "devise some plan which may tend to further the objects of the Society in the promotion and diffusion of medical knowledge," report.

That in giving attention to the subject, considering that the intentions of the Legislature in chartering the state and county medical societies were "*to contribute to the diffusion* of *true science*, and *particularly* the *knowledge of the healing art*," as well as "to regulate the practice of physic and surgery in the State." The committee were lead to a review of the transactions of this Society from the period of its inauguration to the present time, whence it appears that so far as it relates to the more obligatory part of its establishment, viz., the regulating the practice of physic and surgery, it has faithfully and honourably discharged its duty. But while your committee with pleasure and satisfaction contemplate the present and apparently progressive improvement in the profession amongst us, an improvement resulting in a great degree from the operations of this Society, they cannot but regret the little attention that appears to have been paid to the other, the more presumptive part of incorporation—"The diffusion of science and of the knowledge of the healing art." The few medical or philosophical communications which have been spontaneously laid before the Society, however praiseworthy and valuable in themselves, do not appear to have excited so general a spirit of imitation as might have been wished.

Our meetings engaged almost exclusively upon the dry subject of internal regulations, and the fulfillment of formal requisitions, have seldom been enlivened by those general professional concerns which ought to claim a great share of the attention of an association of intelligent and literary physicians. From the great resources which the Society possess in the minds of its members, much more might have been expected, and it is presumed much may still be obtained. Gentlemen whose talents are constantly employed upon the extensive field that the practice of this large city presents, cannot but be provided with the materials which, if properly exhibited, could not fail, while adding to their own reputation, of reflecting honor to our institutions, and of affording instruction and gratification to us all. With a view therefore of improving by our advantages of making medical intelligence circulate freely amongst us, of exciting individual exertion, of provoking disquisitions and usefull investigations, of making our

meetings interesting, and our members punctual in their attendance, thus furthering the cause of medical improvement to the promotion of general good, your committee propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That one or more medical papers on some medical, chirurgical, or philosophical subject, be presented by one or more of the members of the Society at every meeting, which papers are to be read, first by the member presenting the same, and afterwards, if requested by the Society, be read again by the Secretary.

2d. That some measure be adopted to express to medical gentlemen generally throughout the State, the satisfaction it would afford this Society, by receiving from them such useful or interesting intelligence upon subjects connected with our professsion as they may think proper to communicate, which communications are to be read before the meetings of the Society by the Secretary in the order in which they may be received.

3rd. That no public animadversions be made upon the papers in the presence of the Society, unless it be at a subsequent meeting, and then only in the form of a written communication upon the subject.

4th. That papers thus read, or copies thereof, be carefully preserved by the Secretary in a book prepared for the purpose, to be kept in his hands, subject to the perusal of any member who may call upon him for that purpose.

5th. That, at certain periods, when a sufficient number of communications shall have been received as may justify the measure, a committee be appointed who shall select such from among them as may be thought worthy of a more extensive circulation, and have them published, with an appropriate title, under the sanction and at the expense of this Society. But that no paper be so published without the approbation of its author, if the author be living, otherwise it will be left to the discretion of the committee.

6th. That the fulfillment of the first two of the foregoing resolutions be entrusted to the Comitia Minora, upon whose philanthropy, on this occasion, the Society relies with the utmost confidence, not doubting but that their talents, together with the influence they have with the members generally, will put the business in such a train as to secure the Society against the danger of a disappointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed in behalf of committee,

VALENTINE SEAMAN, *Chairman.*

NEW YORK, 10th mo. (October), 1814.

A letter from the Secretary of the Medical Society of the State was read, which stated that the seat of Delegate from this Society becomes vacant on the first Tuesday of February next.

Society adjourned.

MONDAY, January 2d, 1815.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York happening on the same day as the celebration of the new year, the Secretary and one other member attended and adjourned the meeting according to the first section of the first chapter of the Bye-Laws.

At an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held January 3d, 1815.

The Society being constituted, the President read the following letter from the Secretary:

To the President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

SIR—I beg you to offer to the Society my resignation of the office of Secretary. Having relinquished the practice of medicine, and entered on other studies, it will be very inconvenient for me to attend to the duties of that station. I shall always retain a high sense of the honor of their repeated confidence, and of the candor and liberality with which my services have been accepted.

Accept, sir, for yourself and the Society assurances of my sincere good wishes, and high respect.

(Signed) HENRY U. ONDERDONK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3d, 1815.

Dr. Onderdonk's resignation was accepted by the Society.

The President nominated Gerardus A. Cooper to fill the vacancy as secretary *pro tempore.*

The roll was called.

Proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved. The President gave notice that the seat of the Delegate from this Society to the State Medical Society becomes vacant on the first Tuesday in February next. Whereupon a committee were

appointed to superintend by ballot an election of a Delegate from this Society to the State Medical Society. Drs. Hamersley, and G. A. Cooper, were nominated a committee for that purpose. The Secretary reported that Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, the President, was duly elected. The President then addressed the Society, and accepted the appointment.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted. Dr. Henry U. Onderdonk having resigned his office of Secretary to this Society in consequence of his having retired from the Medical profession, therefore—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Dr. Henry U. Onderdonk for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and while they regret the loss that the profession will sustain by his withdrawing from it, they request him to accept their best wishes for his future reputation and usefulness.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on Monday, April 3d, 1815.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented and read, stating that John S. Conger had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term, and in the manner prescribed by an act, entitled an Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State. Being recommended by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to his examination in conformity to said act. He was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him the resolution of the Society, together with an appropriate address, whereupon he was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

The following letter was received from the Delegate of this Society to the State Medical Society:

"*To the President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*

"NEW YORK, April 3d, 1815.

"SIR—I have the honour to inform the Society that, according to my appointment as their Delegate, I met the Medical Society of the State, at Albany, on the 7th of Feb'y last. The State Society was not as fully attended as in some former years, owing, in a considerable degree, to the unsettled situation of a large portion of the frontiers of our State. The meeting was respectable, harmonious, and agreeable. Dr. Joseph White, of Otsego, was chosen President; Dr. Eli Burritt, of Troy, Vice-President; Dr. James Low, of Albany, Secretary.

"From an unfortunate circumstance of having either lost or mislaid some of my papers, I am not able to inform the Society of all the other officers of the State Medical Society—this deficiency, however, I hope to supply by a letter which I expect from the Secretary of the Society in a few days, from Albany, and which will be communicated at the annual meeting. At our meeting a memorial was directed to be presented to the Legislature, requesting some amendment to the law Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State. The points which the memorial particularly adverted to were—

"1st. The raising and increasing the qualifications to become practitioners of medicine and surgery, by making it necessary that the course of study should be longer than heretofore, and that each candidate should have attended medical lectures in some public medical school.

"2d. Preventing candidates from applying to more than one county medical society for admission as licentiates, within a limited time.

"3d. To restrain the indiscriminate prescription of articles, the vegitable production of our country, as now allowed to any one. This memorial was entrusted to a highly respectable committee, and I have no doubt the Legislature will accord with the wishes of the Society.

"With respect, your obed't serv't, &c., &c.,

"JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Delegate.*"

Dr. Hamersley informed the Society he intended laying before them two clinical cases, but in consequence of a previous motion for adjournment for the purpose of attending the funeral of Dr. Benjamin Rockwell, late member of this Society, he should defer it until the next meeting.

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 3d, 1815.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Wm. Hamersley read two cases of pulmonary affections that occurred in the clinical practice of the New York Hospital, and were successfully treated, though apparently confirmed phthisis.

On motion—

Resolved, That the cases read by Dr. Hamersley be transcribed in the Society's register for original communications.

Drs. Hamersley and Joseph Bayley were appointed inspectors for the annual election of officers for this Society, who, after examining the ballots, reported as follows:

We, the undersigned inspectors, do certify the following gentlemen have been duly elected officers of this Society for the ensuing year:

Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST, *Vice-President.*
Dr. VALENTINE MOTT,
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. JOHN WATTS,
Dr. JAMES S. STRINGHAM, } *Censors.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. GERARDUS A. COOPER, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK, July 3d, 1815.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Comitia Minora during the last year, were read and approved.

Dr. Hamersley proposed Dr. Stephen D. Beekman a member of this Society.

The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Many of the literary and scientific societies are to be accommodated in the building lately so munificently granted by the corporation of this city to the arts and sciences,

Resolved, That a committee of this Society be appointed to apply to the corporation for a more permanent accommodation of this Society.

Whereupon Drs. Wm. Moore, Valentine Mott, and Lyman Spalding, were appointed.

The Treasurer reported the following persons having refused paying the fines incurred by them, and are therefore no longer entitled to the privileges of holding a seat in this Society: Charles Buxton, George W. Chapman, Michael Degray, John See, Daniel Lord, Wm. McIntosh, Wm. J. McNevin, Benjamin Prince, Nicholas I. Quackenbos, George C. Quackenbos, and Benjamin R. Robson.

On motion—

Resolved, The Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to ascertain and report at the next meeting the names of members who remain delinquent in the payment of fines incurred by them, in conformity to a resolution passed July 2d, 1810.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Secretary be appointed a committee to liquidate all unsettled accounts, and that they report at the next meeting the actual state of the treasury, and appropriate the surplus fund to the best advantage to the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the fines incurred by Dr. John Scott be remitted in conformity to the first part of the 5th Sec. of the 12th Chap. of the By-Laws, and that a certificate of membership be granted him.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 2d, 1815.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following certificate was presented:

"This may certify that Augustus R. Griffen has been a private pupil of mine for the last three years past.

"VALENTINE MOTT, M. D.

"October 2d, 1815."

Which certificate was approved by the Society, and the candi-

date being recommended by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to his examination.

The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him the resolution of the Society, and requested his assent to the obligations imposed by the By-Laws, and addressed him relative to his duty and future conduct as a physician and surgeon, whereupon he was invested with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

The committee appointed to apply to the corporation of the City of New York for a more permanent accommodation of this Society, reported, they had petitioned the Honourable the Corporation, which memorial, or petition, was favourably received by that honourable body, and was referred to a committee appointed to dispose of the building to the arts and sciences.

On motion—

Resolved, The committee have leave to sit again.

The committee appointed to ascertain and report the names of members remaining delinquent in the payment of fines incurred by them, reported Anthony L. Anderson, Abraham Brower, Daniel B. Cornelius, George D. Clussman, Stephen Dempsey, John Gamage, Joel Hart, Benjamin Hicks, Andrew Hunt, John D. Jacques, Eloy Berger, George Cumming, Robert Johnson, Benjamin Kissam, Philip D. Keteltas, Charles Ball, Samuel L. Mitchell, Andrew Morton, James R. Manley, Felix Pascalis, Samuel Bradhurst, Smith Cutter, Samuel Torbet, Richard L. Walker, Matthew Wendell, Samuel Watkins, Daniel Dayton, Alex'r Hosack, William W. Minor, Lemuel Merritt, Daniel D. Walters.

On motion—

Resolved, That the 8th Sec. of the 12th Chapter of the By-Laws be carried into effect, and that the names of delinquents be recorded on the minutes.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Dr. Stephen D. Beekman was elected an ordinary member of

this Society. Drs. James Syks and John Morin Scott McKnight were nominated as ordinary members of this Society. Dr. J. L. Phelps read a case of Hernia of the Bladder, &c.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Phelps be requested to furnish the Secretary a copy of his communication for the purpose of having it recorded in the book for original communications.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the present list of medical rates, and report their opinion thereon at the ensuing meeting.

Whereupon Drs. J. S. Stringham, John Watts, and V. Mott, were appointed.

Society adjourned.

Extra meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 23d, 1815.

The President and Vice-President being absent, the senior Censor took the chair, and declared the Society constituted.

A request signed by fifteen members, and an order from the President, for calling this meeting, were read. The roll was called, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to examine the rates of charges begged leave to report thereon, which report was read, and debated upon largely.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Society deem it inexpedient *at present* to enter into any consideration of the subject.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society, held Jan. 2d, 1816.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A certificate of Dr. Wright Post was presented and read, stating that John K. Rodgers had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term

and in the manner prescribed by the Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and the same being approved of, the candidate was recommended by the Comitia Minora for a public examination.

The candidate was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which he retired, when the Society declared him entitled to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the President communicated to him in an appropriate address the resolution of the Society, and he having assented to the obligation directed by the By-Laws, was therefore invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Dr. Mott, as Censor, reported the credentials of Drs. James Sycks and John Morin Scott McKnight, which being deemed satisfactory by the Society, they were balloted for, and declared duly elected members.

The Secretary, from the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that there remains in the treasury the sum of $338.83 bearing lawful interest from the 5th of July, 1815.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be published in the daily newspapers of the city.

Whereas, The small-pox has lately, in several cases, appeared in this city, and the Medical Society being convinced that the kine pock is a sure preventative of the variolus infection, therefore—

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the physicians of the City and County of New York to encourage the vaccine inoculation, and to attend the poor gratuitously in that complaint.

Resolved, That this Society will assist the Kine Pock Institution, the City Dispensary, and the public authority of this city, in all their efforts to extend the beneficial effects of vaccine inoculation.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the progress of the small-pox for the year past in this city, and to ascertain the origin of reports which have arisen unfriendly to the vaccine inoculation, and to inquire into any supposed failure of the kine pock.

Whereupon Drs. W. Post, Hamersley, Stringham, J. Bayley, Neilson, Watts, and Pascalis, were appointed.

The following paper purporting to be the proceedings of a numerous meeting of the physicians and surgeons of the City and County of New York, regulating the rates of medical charges, was presented by a committee appointed to lay it before this Society, and read. Whereupon—

Resolved, The Society approve the same, and it be entered on the minutes.

	From	*To*
Verbal advice	$5.00	
Letter of advice	10.00	$15.00
An ordinary visit		2.00
First consultation visit		5.00
Each succeeding visit to each physician in consultation		3.00
Night visit		7.00
Visit at a distance from town, per mile		1.50
Visit to Brooklyn		3.00
Visit to Powler's Hook, in summer		5.00
Visit to Staten Island, in summer		10.00
The above to be double in stormy weather, or winter		
First visit in epidemic or other diseases where personal danger is apprehended		5.00
Each succeeding visit under above circumstances		3.00
Visit on board a vessel lying at the wharf		2.50
" " " in stream		5.00
Visit to Govenors Island		5.00
Visit for the purpose of giving an opinion in cases involving a question of law for which a physician may be suppoenied		5.00
Visits in haste to be charged double the price of ordinary visits; detention three dollars per hour, or twenty-five dollars per day		
Vaccination	5.00	10.00
Each dressing of a wound	1.00	5.00
For applying cupping glasses		5.00
For bleeding in the arm		2.00
" " foot		2.00
" " jugular vein		5.00
Dressing a blister		1.00
Scarifying the eye		5.00
Puncturing œdematous swellings		2.00
Inserting a seton		5.00
" an issue		2 00
Introducing a catheter (the first time)		5.00
" " each succeeding time		2.00
" " in the female each time		5.00
Extracting a calculus from the urethra	20.00	30.00
Reducing a simple fracture	10.00	20.00
" compound		30.00
Dislocations	5.00	20.00
" of the hip joint	30.00	50.00
Prolapsus ani		5.00
Reduction of hernia	10.00	25.00
Opening of abscesses	1.00	5.00
Amputation of the breast		50.00
" " leg		50.00
" " hip, or shoulder joint	100.00	150.00

	From	*To*
Amputation of the finger, or toe		$10.00
" " penis		20.00
Extracting the testes		50.00
" " eye		100.00
" " tonsils		25.00
" a polypus		25.00
" a tumour	5.00	50.00
Perforating the rectum		25.00
" " nostrils, external ear, vagina, or urethra	5.00	25.00
Dividing the frenum linguæ vel penis	3.00	5.00
Paracentisis of the abdomen	15.00	25.00
" " thorax		50.00
Operation for tic douloureaux		25.00
" " hare lip		25.00
" " hernia		125.00
" " fistula in perrineo vel ano		50.00
" " phymosis vel paraphymosis		10.00
" " fistula lachrymalis		40.00
" " wry neck		50.00
" " cataract by depression		125.00
" " " by extraction		150.00
Anterior operation of saunders		25.00
Operation for anurisms popliteal		100.00
" " carotid subclavian or inquinal		200.00
" " external iliac		200.00
" " brachial		50.00
" " ulna, radial, anterior or poster'r tibal		25.00
Lithotomy		150.00
Bronchotomy		25.00
Trepaning		100.00
Circumcision		10.00
Extracting a tooth at the patient's house		2.00
" " " surgeon's house		1.00
Common cases of midwifery	25.00	35.00
Tedious labours, or difficult cases	35.00	60.00
Curing gonorrhoea	15.00	30.00
" syphilis	25.00	100.00
Pharmacutical Charges.		
A single prescription furnished		.50
Pills, each dozen		.75
Bolus's, each		.50
Electuaries, per oz.		1.00
Infusions, per lb.		2.00
Solutions, per lb.		1.50
Tinctures, per oz.		.50
Ointments and cerates, per oz.		.50
Blistering plasters, according to size	1.50	2.00
Other plasters	.50	2.50
Decoctions, per lb.		2.00
A single medicine dispensed without a visit		1.00
An anodyne draught		.50
Preparing and administering an enema		2.00

Dr. Joel Hart, who was reported at a late delinquent in the payment of fines incurred by him, appeared and requested that he might still retain his seat in the Society, which privilege he claimed from the 5th, 7th, and 8th Sections of the 12th Chapter of the By-Laws.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 1st, 1816.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Censors were directed to proceed to the examination of the following gentlemen who were recommended by the Comitia Minora, having been previously examined by them, viz.: Joseph R. Drake, Egerton L. Winthrop, George G. Graham, Stephen Brown, and John J. Howe, who, after an impartial examination, were severally declared entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery, and upon signing the obligations required by the By-Laws, were suitably addressed by the President.

The following letter from the Delegate was read, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes:

"NEW YORK, April 1st, 1816.

"SIR—Since the last regular meeting of the Society, the State Medical Society has had its annual meeting, which commenced its session on the 5th of Feb'y last. The officers chosen on that day, present year, were as follows, viz.:

"Dr. JOSEPH WHITE, *President.*
"ELI BURRITT, *Vice-President.*
"Dr. JAMES LOW, *Secretary.*
"Dr. JOHN STEARNS, *Treasurer.*
"Dr. JOHN STEARNS,
"Dr. CHAS. D. TOWNSHEND,
"Dr. ELI BURRITT,
"Dr. THOS. BROADHEAD,
"Dr. JAMES LOW,
} *Censors.*

"Drs. John Stearns, David Tomlinson, Nath'l Jacobs, Elijah Potter, Jonathan Mosher, Amos G. Hall, and Stower, were chosen the committee of correspondence, and Drs. W. Willoughby, and David Hosack, permanent members of the Society.

"I regret that the situation of my family was such as to prevent my attending the Society as delegate. The illness of my father-in-law prevented me from leaving home, and deprived me of that pleasure which I have ever had in obeying the direction of the County Medical Society of New York.

"With much respect, I have the honor to be

"Your obdt. serv't,

"JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *Delegate.*

"Dr. WRIGHT POST, *V. Pres't of Medical Society County of N. Y.*"

The committee appointed at the last meeting to report on the origin and progress of the small-pox for the year past in this city, and to ascertain the origin of reports which have arisen unfriendly to the vaccine inoculation, and to inquire into any supposed failure of the kine pock, reported.

On motion—

Resolved, The same be accepted.

The following persons were proposed ordinary members of this Society: Drs. Augustus Cartelli, Thos. Wm. Montgomery, and Jabez W. Heustis.

Dr. Mott, as Censor, was appointed to examine their credentials.

The Treasurer communicated that Dr. Pascalis had paid his dues to the Society. Whereupon—

Resolved, That Dr. Pascalis be entitled to his seat as member of this Society.

The committee appointed to procure a room for the meetings of the Society reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the epidemic of small-pox and chicken-pox which prevailed in New York during last autumn and winter, explanatory of the causes and supposed failures of the vaccine, be published.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis and J. Watts were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Society adjourned.

At an Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 1st, 1816.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. D. Hosack presented to the Society Dr. J. A. Rochoux reserches on apoplexy, by the request of the author.

Documents were presented and read, stating that John W. Sterling, William Williamson, and Jessy Billings, had studied physic and surgery as directed by law. The Censors were di-

rected to hold their public examination, on this they reported favourably, and on the candidates withdrawing, the Society voted them diplomas entitling them to practice physic and surgery in this State. On being readmitted the candidates assented to the usual obligation, and were addressed by the President on their professional duties. The Delegate to the State Medical Society begged leave to resign his seat on account of his health not permitting him to go to Albany in the winter season.

On motion—

Resolved, The Delegate's (Dr. Rodgers) resignation be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, It is at present inexpedient to elect a delegate to the S. M. Society.

The President appointed Dr. Wm. Hamersley and Dr. Ross a committee to inspect the election of officers for the ensuing year, who made the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the votes for officers for this Society, report the following persons as duly elected, viz.:

Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST, *Vice-President.*
Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *Treasurer.*
Dr. GERARDUS A. COOPER, *Secretary.*
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. VALENTINE MOTT,
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. JOHN WATTS,
Dr. ALEX'R H. STEVENS, } *Censors.*

WM. HAMERSLEY,
WM. M. ROSS, } *Inspectors.*

Certain accounts against the Society were presented and ordered to be discharged. Drs. Pascalis and Watts, a committee appointed to superintend the publication and distribution of the report on the epidemic small-pox and chicken-pox, reported,

That they had caused *one thousand copies* to be struck, and had diligently distributed them to the principal officers of the general and State government, to the honorable the corporation

of this city, and to the board of health, to the members of the Medical Society, and to the principal physicians in the United States, also nearly 200 copies to the clergy and principal inhabitants of this city. The remainder of the copies, nearly *one hundred*, are at the disposal of the Society, and the committee respectfully request to be discharged.

On motion—

Resolved, Their request be granted, and that the thanks of the Society be presented them for their diligence and attention to the duties entrusted them.

On motion—

Resolved, The Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to liquidate all unsettled accounts, and that they report at the next meeting the actual state of the treasury, and appropriate the surplus fund to the best advantage to the Society.

Dr. V. Mott, as Censor, reported the credentials of Dr. Augustus Cortelli, Jaber W. Heustis, and Thos. Wm. Montgomery, which being deemed satisfactory by the Society, were balloted for and declared duly elected ordinary members.

The committee appointed to procure a room for the better accommodation of this Society, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Dr. Pascalis presented and read a letter from Dr. J. Rucco, accompanied with a vial of his Elixir Vital, and a receipt to prepare the same, requesting the Society to investigate the properties, and if approved, to recommend it. This request occasioned considerable debate, which at length was stopped by the following resolution:

Resolved, That Dr. Pascalis be requested to return the papers and medicine to Dr. J. Rucco, and inform him the Society cannot recommend any particular medicine, and therefore do not investigate the properties of his Elixir Vital.

Dr. Pascalis communicated to the Society a case of perforation of the stomach, obstructed by a large tumour, affording power of digestion.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Pascalis be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy of his communication, to have it recorded in the Society's book.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be a committee to ascertain the persons, members of this Society, who advertise their skill, or cures, or act derogatory to the character of a physician in any respect, and also the best means to suppress quackery, and report the next meeting.

Drs. Benjamin P. Kissam and Elias C. Badeau were proposed as ordinary members of this Society. Dr. Mott, as Censor, was appointed to examine the credentials of the former, and Dr. Watts the latter.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 7th, 1816.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Secretary from the committee appointed at the last meeting "to report the actual state of the treasury," reported the Treasurer had not had time to arrange the accounts, but believed there remains in the treasury about $300.

A report from the Comitia Minora, a committee appointed at the last meeting to devise the best means to suppress quackery, was read and debated upon at considerable length.

On motion—

Resolved, The report be recommitted.

Dr. Mott, as Censor, reported the credentials of Dr. Benj'n P. Kissam, who was then balloted for and elected an ordinary member.

Dr. Watts reported he had neglected to examine the credentials of Elias C. Badeau, his election was therefore postponed until the next meeting, previous to which he was requested to examine them. Drs. Peter La Fort, Jacob De La Motta, and Augustus R. Griffin, were proposed ordinary members. Drs. Mott and Cock were requested to examine their credentials.

On motion—

Resolved, The diploma given by this Society to licentiates be engraved.

The President appointed Drs. Hamersley, Pascalis, and Cock, a committee to carry the above resolution into effect.

Dr. John Watts was elected Delegate to the State Medical Society.

Dr. Pascalis read an interesting case of an extra uterine fœtus, produced alive, through an incision made into the vagina of the mother, who recovered after delivery, without any alarming symptoms, by Dr. John King, of South Carolina.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Pascalis be requested to furnish the Secretary a copy of the same, to be recorded in the Society's book for original communications.

On motion—

Resolved, The Comitia Minora be requested to instruct the Delegate.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan. 6th, 1817.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The committee appointed to devise the best means to suppress quackery, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Dr. V. Mott reported the credentials of Jacob De La Motta, M.D., and Augustus R. Griffin, M.D., which being deemed satisfactory by the Society, they were then balloted for, and unanimously elected ordinary members.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed in every case of recommendation for membership in this Society, to inquire into the moral character and professional conduct of the candidate.

Dr. Watts, as Censor, reported the credentials of Dr. Elias C. Badeau.

On motion—

Resolved, Dr. Watts be requested to make further inquiries respecting the candidate.

The committee appointed at the last meeting for the purpose of having the diploma given by this Society to licentiates engraved, reported they had employed Mr. Rollinson to engrave the same, which would probably be accomplished in two weeks from this time, and that the expense would be fifty dollars, exclusive of the plate.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Delegate be requested to co-operate, on the part of this Society, with the State Medical Society, in any plan they may deem proper for the extension of qualifications in persons who are to practice physic and surgery in this State.

Certain propositions were offered by Dr. L. Spalding on the propriety and best means for the formation of an American Pharmacopœia, which were read and referred to the Comitia Minora, for them to instruct the Delegate thereon.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 7th, 1817.

The roll was called, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at last anniversary meeting to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that there remained in the treasury the sum of three hundred and two dollars, bearing lawful interest from the 5th July.

The chairman, from the committee appointed for the purpose of having the diploma given by this Society to licentiates engraved, reported they had attended to the duties assigned them, and presented a specimen of the engraving on paper, which being approved,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twelve copies be stricken on the best vellum parchment, and fifty on paper, and be referred to the same committee.

Dr. Stevens proposed Dr. Israel Hallock an ordinary member. Drs. Stevens and Pascalis were requested to examine his credentials.

On motion—

Resolved, A committee be appointed to co-operate with the Delegate in devising a plan for the formation of a National Pharmacopœia, and be authorized to correspond with such persons and corporate societies as they may think proper, and report at the next meeting of this Society.

Drs. J. R. B. Rodgers, Wm. Moore, Spalding, and Stevens, were appointed that committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the expense attending the correspondence be paid from the funds of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That Drs. Eddy and Douglass be added to the committee appointed on the 3d of July, 1815, to procure a room for the future meeting of this Society.

Society adjourned.

GERARDUS A. COOPER, M. D., *Sec'y.*

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, the 7th of July, 1817.

The roll was called, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following letter was received from the Delegate of this Society to the State Medical Society:

"*To the President of the County Medical Society of New York.*

"The undersigned regrets that circumstances which it was impossible to avoid prevented him from attending the last meeting of the Medical Society; the same circumstances also prevented him from officially communicating that, in conformity with the duties of the Delegate, he repaired to the State medical convention at Albany, in February last. It met on the afternoon of the 4th of February, when the president delivered an address on the subject of white swelling, and resigned his office.

"The following physicians were then elected officers for the ensuing year:

"JOHN STEARNS, *President.*
"HENRY MITCHELL, *Vice-Pres't.*
"JAMES LOW, *Secretary.*
"C. D. TOWNSEND, *Treasurer.*
"DAVID HOSACK,
"T. R. BECK,
"JAMES LOW,
"C. D. TOWNSEND,
"WM. PATRICK, Jr., } *Censors.*

"DAVID HOSACK,
"SAMUEL L. MITCHELL,
"STEPHEN REYNOLDS,
"JOHN MILLER,
"JOSHUA LEE,
"AMASA TROWBRIDGE,
"JOSEPH GILBERT, } *Committee of Correspondence.*

"Samuel L. Mitchell and T. Romeyn Beck, permanent members.

"John Murray and James Hadley, honorary members.

"To add to the importance of the Society, and to obviate the inconvenience to the student of medicine of traveling to Albany to obtain a diploma from the State Medical Society, it was proposed to increase the number of censors, and to locate a due proportion of them in Albany, and the remainder in other eligible situations, designating a competent number for the admission of candidates in the City of New York and elsewhere, as well as in Albany. This, together with other subjects which occupied the attention of the Society during its session, constituted a bill for the consideration of the State Legislature, a copy of which bill is herewith presented. It did not receive its third and last reading, on account only of a rule of the house which precluded it. A little earlier attention to the subject at the next session of the Legislature will probably secure its passage.

"It appears that the State Medical Society was not as numerously attended as on former occasions. The zeal and harmony of its members, however, was not diminished, and every one appeared animated with the prospect of professional improvement. During the last year, eight students of medicine received their license to practice from the State Medical Society.

"The undersigned, deeply sensible of and grateful for the honor that has been bestowed upon him, is anxious that so conspicuous a Medical Society as that of the City and County of New York should be more ably represented than it has been,

or possibly can be through him, and therefore begs leave to resign his office as Delegate to the State Medical Society.

"JOHN WATTS, Jun'r.

"March, 1817."

Drs. John Onderdonk and Gerardus A. Cooper declined a re-election to office.

Drs. L. Spalding and Joseph Bayley were appointed inspectors for the annual election for officers for this Society, who, after examining the ballots, reported.

We, the subscribers, appointed canvassers of the election of officers for the County Medical Society, do hereby declare the following persons duly elected to their respective offices here stated for the present year:

Dr. JOHN R. B. RODGERS, *President.*
Dr. WRIGHT POST, *Vice-Pres't.*
Dr. HENRY M. VAN SOLINGEN, *Treasurer.*
Dr. CASPAR WISTAR EDDY, *Secretary.*
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. VALENTINE MOTT,
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. J. WATTS, Jr.,
Dr. A. H. STEVENS, } *Censors.*

L. SPALDING,
JOS. BAYLEY, } *Tellers.*

NEW YORK, July 7th, 1817.

The committee appointed to have the diploma printed, reported they have had fifty printed on drawing paper from the Society's plate.

Resolved, That the committee on the diploma be directed to present to the State Medical Society twelve copies of the diploma printed in such manner as to answer the purposes of the State Medical Society, and one copy to each county medical society, printed in such manner as to answer the purposes of the County Medical Society, to be presented in the name of the N. Y. County Med'l Soc'y.

Drs. John Onderdonk and Gerardus A. Cooper were appointed a committee to examine the accounts presented against the Society.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Comitia Minora for the past year were read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and appropriate the surplus fund to the best advantage to the Society.

Whereupon Drs. Van Solingen and Eddy were appointed that committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee on apartments be requested to petition the mayor and commonwealth of this city for accommodations in one of the court rooms.

Dr. Stevens reported the credentials of Dr. Israel Hallock, and Dr. Watts those of Elias C. Badeau, which being deemed satisfactory, they were then balloted for and elected ordinary members.

A report of the failures attributed to the vaccine in Charleston, S. C., in destroying the susceptibility of small-pox, also on secondary small-pox, and on the prevalence of small-pox and chicken-pox as they occurred last year, was received from the Medical Society of South Carolina.

The following preamble and resolutions were then offered and adopted:

The Medical Society of the County of New York entertaining a high opinion of the character of the late Valentine Seaman, M.D., and deeming it proper to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, do hereby

Resolve, That they deeply deplore the afflictive dispensation which has deprived the Society and medical profession of one of its most distinguished associates, the community of a very useful citizen, and the moral and social world of an upright, intelligent, and estimable man.

Resolved, That the sentiments of the Society, on this occasion, be recorded on its journals, and that a copy thereof be conveyed to the family of Dr. Seaman, with suitable expressions of condolence.

The committee on the Pharmacopœia reported progress, and had leave to continue their labors.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at Washington Hall, on the 6th of October, 1817.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and after some amendments had been made thereto, were adopted.

The Secretary reported that, in conformity with the wishes of the Society, he had transmitted to Mrs. Dr. Seaman a copy of the resolutions submitted at the last meeting, and to which he had received no answer.

The committee on the subject of the diploma reported some progress, and obtained leave to continue their labors.

The committee appointed to procure a permanent place for the meetings of this Society, reported they had not been able to effect the object of their appointment, but had made a temporary arrangement with Mr. McIntire, of Washington Hall, to which the Society acceded, and the committee were dissolved.

Committee on accounts against the Society report they found them all correct, and had discharged the same.

The committee on the Pharmacopœia were continued.

The committee on the Treasurer's accounts submitted the following:

"The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, report that they have examined the same, and find a balance due from the Treasurer this day to the Society, two hundred and seven dollars and eighty-one cents, and that they have suitably appropriated the same.

"(Signed) H. M. VAN SOLINGEN.
"C. W. EDDY.

"NEW YORK, Oct. 4th, 1817."

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, and seconded by Dr. William Moore, the following resolve was unanimously agreed to:

"The public papers of this city having announced, since the the last meeting of this Society, the death of two of its most distinguished members, to wit: that of James S. Stringham, M.D., formerly a censor, which took place at the Island of St. Croix, on the 29th of June, and that of Nicholas Romayne, M.D., the first president of this incorporation, which occurred in this city, on the 21st of July of the present year. Therefore—

"*Resolved*, That in testimony of the respect which the Society bears to the memory of those deceased members, and in consideration of the services which they have rendered, that this mark of their respect be recorded in their minutes, and registered in their archives."

Dr. Joseph R. Drake was proposed a candidate for membership, and Dr. Stevens was appointed to examine his credentials.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held the 5th of January, 1818, at Washington Hall.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dr. Israel Hallock appeared and signed the constitution.

Dr. Stevens reported he had examined the credentials of Dr. Jos. R. Drake, that he was in possession of a diploma of Doctor in Medicine from Queens College, N. J., and that he was a licentiate of this Society, whereupon he was elected.

Dr. Hamersley, from the diploma committee, reported that he had delivered fifty copies thereof to the President of the State Medical Society, and that Dr. Stearns had expressed his pleasure at the proposed uniformity throughout the State.

On motion of Dr. V. Mott, it was

Resolved, That this Society will furnish the different county and State societies with blank diplomas at the rate of twenty dollars per hundred.

Dr. Spalding, from the committee on the Pharmacopœia, presented the following report, which was accepted:

"The undersigned, in compliance with the resolves of the Society, beg leave to report, that they have opened a correspondence with several of the leading medical characters in the different States and territories in the Union, on the necessity and propriety of forming an American Pharmacopœia, and their correspondents concur in the opinion that a national Pharmacopœia would be a work of the highest importance, of the greatest utility, and that no exertion should be spared to accomplish it. A few, however, doubt the possibility of completing such a her-

culean task, but by far the larger number believe it feasible, and offer their zealous co-operation.

"With so many men in favour of the attempt, and such a corps of volunteers in every State in the Union, your committee are emboldened to report the following preamble and resolutions for acceptance:

"*Whereas*, A uniform system of preparing and compounding medicines throughout the United States would contribute much to the satisfaction of the practitioner, and obviate many existing sources of embarrassment and danger; and

Whereas, Much diversity does now prevail in pharmaceutical preparations in the different sections and States of the Union, and also in the same State, or even in the same city, in consequence of the various pharmacopœias which are adopted—such as Cox's Dispensatory, the Massachusetts Medical Society Pharmacopœia, Thather's Dispensatory, The New York Hospital Pharmacopœia, The Edinburgh Dispensatory, The London Dispensatory, The London Pharmacopœia, The Dublin Pharmacopœia, the Parisian Pharmacopœia, etc., not to mention numerous economical formularies.

"This accounts for a well known fact, that the traveller gets a different preparation under the same name in almost every village, town, or city, in which he may chance to be indisposed. This is not the only evil, for so multifarious are the names of medicines, that a name which is common in one town may be unknown in another, or what is worse, be applied to a very different medicine. Therefore—

"*Resolved*, That the Delegate from the New York County Medical Society to the State Medical Society, be entrusted to lay the foregoing preamble and the following resolutions before the New York Medical Society, and be requested to use his endeavours to have them adopted.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the New York State Medical Society it is expedient that there should be formed an American Pharmacopœia for the use of the United States.

"*Resolved*, That the several incorporated State medical societies, the several incorporated colleges of physicians and surgeons, or medical schools, and such medical schools as form a faculty in any incorporated university or college in the United States, be respectfully invited to unite in the formation of the American Pharmacopœia, and in case there should be any State or territory in the Union in which there is no incorporated medical society, medical college or school, that voluntary associations of phy-

sicians and surgeons in such State or territory be respectfully invited to unite in the formation of this work.

"*Resolved*, That to form the American Pharmacopœia it will be expedient to divide the U. S. into four districts—the Northern States, the Middle States, the Southern States, and the Western States and Territories.

"*Resolved*, That a convention be called in each of these districts.

"*Resolved*, That each State medical society, college of physicians and surgeons, medical school, faculty of medicine, voluntary association as before described, be invited to appoint one or more delegates to meet in district conventions.

"*Resolved*, That each district convention form a Pharmacopœia, or select that one which is in the most general use, and make therein such alterations and additions as shall adapt it to the present state of medical science.

"*Resolved*, That each district convention appoint one or more delegates to meet in general convention in the City of Washington, and transmit their Pharmacopœia to the general convention.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to each medical society, etc., to defray the expenses of its own delegation, and its proportion of the expenses of the district convention.

"*Resolved*, That a general convention be held in the City of Washington on the 10th of Jan'y, 1820, to be composed of delegates from the district conventions.

"*Resolved*, That the general convention do form an American Pharmacopœia from the district conventional Pharmacopœias.

"*Resolved*, That that this general convention adopt a plan of revising the American Pharmacopœia at the end of every ten years, and that no alterations be made therein except once in ten years, and then by the authority aforesaid.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to each medical society, etc., to adopt the American Pharmacopœia, and encourage the use of it by all apothecaries.

"*Resolved*, The general convention do sell for ten years the copyright of the Amer'n Pharmacopœia.

"*Resolved*, That the general convention defray their expenses out of the proceeds of the sale, and divide the surplus equally among all the societies, etc., which were represented in the district conventions.

"*Resolved*, That the New York State Medical Society will now appoint —— delegates to meet in district conventions for the purpose of forming a Pharmacopœia.

"*Resolved*, That the delegates appointed by this Society be a special committee to correspond with all the incorporate State medical societies, etc., in the Union, and such influential medical men as they may deem proper.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the New York State Medical Society, if the majority of the incorporated State medical societies, incorporated medical colleges and medical schools, and faculties of medicine in the the United States approve of the formation of an American Pharmacopœia, that it ought to be undertaken.

"*Resolved*, That as soon as it shall be made known that a majority of the societies, etc., approve of the formation of a Pharmacopœia, that the special committee of correspondence of the New York State Medical Society shall give public notice, as well as notice to all incorporate State medical societies, etc., that an American Pharmacopœia will be formed.

"*Resolved*, That this Society will defray the expense of its special committee of correspondence, the expense of its delegation, and its proportion of the expense of the district convention.

"*Resolved*, That in order to fix on times and places for holding the several district conventions, that the special committee of correspondence be directed to request the several societies, etc., to name what time and place, in their opinion, would be most convenient for the meeting of the convention in their district, and when the formation of the Pharmacopœia is agreed on, that the aforesaid committee transmit to each society, etc., the names of the several places in their district and the times which have been mentioned, and point out what time and place have the most votes, and submit to the several societies, etc., if such time and place would not be the most convenient.

"*Resolved*, That this Society would propose the 1st day of June, A. D. 1819, and the City of Philadelphia, as a convenient time and place for the meeting of the convention in the district known as the Middle States.

"(Signed) JOHN R. B. RODGERS,
"WM. MOORE,
"JOHN WATTS, Jr.,
"LYMAN SPALDING,
"ALEX'R H. STEVENS,
} *Committee.*

"NEW YORK, Jan. 1st, 1818."

A communication was received from Jos. Fred'k Osterlen, veterinary surgeon at Tubingen, enclosing some copies of an Inaugural Dissertation on the Internal Hernia of Domestic Horned Cattle.

Dr. Pascalis laid before the Society a memoire on a newly invented forceps, by Mr. ————.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be returned to the donor.

Dr. Spalding read a paper to show the inefficacy of Ergot, contained in a letter addressed to Dr. Hamersley, which was ordered to be recorded.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting held at Washington Hall, the 6th of April, 1818.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Documents were presented by the Comitia Minora and read, stating that Thos. B. Clark had studied physic and surgery as directed by law. The Censors were then directed to hold his public examination; on this they reported favourably, and the Society then voted him a diploma entitling him to practice physic and surgery in this State. The candidate then assented to the usual obligation, and was addressed by the president on his professional duties.

Dr. Peter Barbieux was proposed as a candidate for membership. Drs. Mott and Pascalis were appointed to examine his credentials.

The following preamble and resolution offered by Dr. Hamersley was unanimously agreed to:

The public papers of this city having announced the death of Archibald Bruce, M.D., which event took place on the 24th of Feb'y of the present year. Therefore

Resolved, That this Society, bearing in mind with grateful recollections the services he rendered it as its first secretary, and afterwards as one of its first censors, do direct his name to be recorded as one of our deceased members.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to provide the Society with a room for its meetings.

Whereupon Drs. Hamersley, Stevens, and Mott, were appointed that committee. Dr. Charles Meyer was authorized to receive a diploma of membership.

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the City Dispensary on the 6th of July, 1818.

The Secretary being necessarily absent, the Society was constituted, and the President appointed Dr. Gerardus A. Cooper, Secretary *pro tem.*

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to procure a room for the accommodation of this Society, reported they had obtained permission to hold their meetings in the New York City Dispensary.

Dr. Pascalis reported the credentials of Dr. Peter Barbieux, who was then elected.

On motion—

Resolved, That we now proceed to the annual election of officers for this Society.

Whereupon Drs. Spalding and Watts were appointed inspectors, and reported.

We, the subscribers, being duly appointed inspectors of the election for the Medical Society of the County of New York, do hereby declare the following persons to be elected for the following year, viz.:

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, M.D., *President.*
WRIGHT POST, M.D., *Vice-President.*
HENRY M. VAN SOLINGEN, M.D., *Treasurer.*
CASPAR WISTAR EDDY, M.D., *Secretary.*
FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., *Delegate.*
Dr. JOHN WATTS,
Dr. THOMAS COCK,
Dr. LYMAN SPALDING,
Dr. JOHN NEILSON,
Dr. ALEX'R H. STEVENS,
} *Censors.*

(Signed) LYMAN SPALDING,
JOHN WATTS, Jr.,
} *Inspectors.*

Accounts against the Society were then read and acted upon.

Drs. Hamersley and Neilson were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Resolved, That the 4th Sect. of the 1st Chapter of the By-Laws be so amended as to read thus: "Eleven members shall be a quorum to constitute the Society, etc."

On motion—

Resolved, It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send printed notices to each member of this Society at least *three days* previous to the meeting, instead of publishing in the newspapers, and thus amend the 2nd Sect. of the 1st Chap. of the By-Laws.

On motion—

Resolved, That in the order of business of this Society communications shall be read in the order directed by the presiding officer, after the examination of candidates for license shall be held.

On motion of Dr. Hamersley, seconded by Dr. Wm. Moore, the following preamble and resolution was adopted unanimously:

Whereas, Dr. James Tillary, who was the first vice-pres't, and afterwards, for several years, the president of this Society, died on the 25th of May of the present year, and the usual mark of respect due on such occasions having been paid to the memory of the deceased by the members of this institution. Therefore

Resolved, That the name of Dr. James Tillary be recorded, as a meritorious officer of this Society, in the list of our departed brethren, in testimony of regard for his personal and professional character.

Dr. Pascalis presented several printed reports from the Medical Society of New Orleans.

On motion—

Resolved, That the printed reports presented this day by order of the Medical Society of New Orleans be thankfully received.

Resolved, That a committee of two, in conjunction with the Secretary, be directed to draw an answer expressing the approbation and readiness of this institution to concur with the Medical Society of New Orleans to the promotion of medical science, and to the preservation of our fellow citizens. That a copy of our laws of the State Medical Society, the list of the officers for the present year, and other printed transactions be transmitted

and presented to that institution by order of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis, Watts, and the Secretary, were appointed that committee.

Dr. Stevens read an extract of a letter from Dr. Coggswell, of Con't, on the use of the Spiræa Tomentosa, particularly in the form of an extract, in the cure of cholera infantum and chronic diarrhœa.

Dr. Stevens read a letter from Dr. Spalding on Luxations of the Tibia, backward and forward, which communication was ordered to be recorded in the Society's book.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the papers and communications that have been read before the Society, and to report thereon at the next meeting.

Drs. Stevens, Cock, and Spalding, were appointed that committee.

Dr. Watts read a communication on the effect of cold water taken in the stomach when heated.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society request information from the members relative to those cases which have come under their observation from the combined influence of heat and cold water taken into the stomach, and that they hand their communications to the Sec'y.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the cases of disease that have arisen from the supposed operation of augmented temperature and drinking of cold water, and that they be requested to report at the next meeting of the Society.

Drs. Wm. Moore, Pascalis, Watts, Van Solingen, and Neilson, were appointed that committee.

Dr. John Mack was proposed a member of this Society. Dr. Cock, as Censor, was appointed to examine his credentials.

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society adjourn to the 4th Monday in Aug. next, to meet at the City Dispensary, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Society adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting held at the New York City Dispensary, Aug. 4th, 1818.

The President and Vice-Pres't being absent, the senior Censor took the chair.

The Secretary, C. W. Eddy, M.D., having resigned his office in consequence of his removal from the city, the President had appointed Gerardus A. Cooper, M.D., Secretary *pro tem.*

P. Barbieux, M.D., appeared, and signed the constitution of this Society.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to audit the Treasurer's accounts made the following report:

"We, the committee for auditing the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the same, do report that there are in his hands $226 in cash, and that there is due to the Society $173 from members who are in arrears, making the aggregate $399.

"(Signed) WM. HAMERSLEY.
"JOHN NEILSON.

"NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 1818."

The committee appointed at the last meeting to examine into the cases of disease that have arisen from the supposed operation of augmented temperature and the drinking of cold water, reported they had not had a meeting in consequence of the absence of some members from the city.

On motion—

Resolved, The committee be continued, and requested to report at the next meeting.

The committee appointed to reply to the Med'l Soc. of N. Orleans, reported they had fulfilled their duties.

The committee appointed to examine the papers and communications that have been read before the Society, reported they had not yet examined them, but should report at the next meeting. Dr. John Mack having left this city, his election was postponed for the present.

Dr. P. Barbieux intended presenting a communication on cancer, written by him, in French, but as the translator had not done justice to the composition, he being unacquainted with

medical phraseology, he would defer the reading of it until the next meeting.

Dr. Spalding read an interesting communication on a spurious form of kine-pock.

On motion—

Resolved, The communication of Dr. Spalding be referred to a committee of seven.

Whereupon the chairman appointed Drs. Spalding, Stevens, Pascalis, Cooper, Kissam, Cheesman, and Sycks, said committee.

His Honour, C. D. Colden, Esqr., Mayor of the City, having politely offered to Dr. Pascalis the use of his office in the City Hall for the accommodation of this Society,

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to wait on his Honour to obtain special permission from him for that purpose.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis and B. P. Kissam were appointed that committee.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting, held at the mayor's office, Oct. 5th, 1818.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to investigate the supposed disease arising from the drinking of cold water, reported in part, and requested leave to sit again.

The committee appointed to examine the papers and communications that have been read before this Society, reported that they had fulfilled the duties assigned them, and found many valuable papers, but they have all already been published in medical periodical journals.

The chairman on the committee on vacination reported progress, and beg leave to sit again.

Dr. Pascalis presented a paper, entitled "Desultory Remarks on the Cause and Nature of the black Color in the human species, occasioned by the case of a *white woman* suddenly turning black," which was ordered to be recorded.

The following Act was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of this Society:

An Act to amend an Act, entitled an Act to incorporate Medical Societies for the Purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, passed April 20th, 1818.

1st. Be it enacted by the people in the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, that no person shall, after the 1st of May, 1821, be admitted to an examination as a candidate for the practice of physic and surgery in this State, unless he shall have previously studied medical science four years, after the age of sixteen, with a regular physician and surgeon. But any portion of time not exceeding one year, during which any person after the age of sixteen shall have pursued any of the studies pursued in any of the colleges of this State, shall be accepted in lieu of any equal portion of time of the study of medical science, and if any person shall have attended one or more complete courses of medical lectures delivered by each of the professors on all the branches of medical science in either of the medical colleges or institutions in this State, or elsewhere, the same shall be accepted in lieu of one year spent in the study of medical science aforesaid; and the person with whom he shall commence his studies shall file a certificate with the president of the board to which he belongs, certifying that the person has commenced his studies with him, and the day of filing such certificate shall be the commencement of such term of study, and if the term of study shall be intended to be for less than four years by reason that the person has pursued the studies pursued in colleges as aforesaid, or that he hath attended lectures as aforesaid, then, on application to the said president, he shall, on examining the matter, make an order annexed to the certificate aforesaid, purporting that it hath satisfactorily appeared to him that the person has pursued in colleges as aforesaid, or that he hath attended one or more courses of lectures as aforesaid, after he was sixteen years of age, for such a period of time not exceeding one year as shall be specified in the order, and therefore order the term of study in such case, may be for a time, which shall remain after deducting from four years the time so specified in the order, provided always that no person shall be licensed to practice physic and surgery until he shall be of the age of twenty-one years.

2nd. And be it further enacted, that each and every student of medicine who shall present himself to the censors of either of the county medical societies of the State for examination, and be found disqualified for the practice of physic and surgery, or either of them, shall not be allowed the privilege of an examina-

tion before the censors of any other county medical society, but shall, in all cases where he thinks himself aggrieved, have a right to appeal to the censors of the State Medical Society, and that any license obtained contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be void.

3rd. And be it further enacted, that the State Medical Society shall annually elect not more than twelve, nor less than six censors, any three of whom shall be a quorum, for the examination of students.

4th. And be it further enacted, that no physician or surgeon from any other State or county shall be admitted to practice in this State until he shall have filed a copy of his diploma from some college of medicine, or legally incorporated medical society, with the clerk of the county in which he may reside, agreeably to the 21st Sec. of the Act hereby amended, nor until he shall have exhibited to the medical society of the county where he resides satisfactory evidence that he has regularly studied physic and surgery agreeably to the requisitions contained in the first Sec. of this Act.

5th. And be it further enacted, that in those counties where the anniversary meetings of any county medical society shall occur on the same day on which the court of common pleas shall meet, it shall be lawful for such society to alter the time of their anniversary meeting to such a day as a majority of said society present may think proper.

6th. And be it further enacted, that each of the medical colleges of this State may elect a delegate to represent their colleges respectively in the Medical Society of the State, who shall be entitled to all the privileges, and subject to the same regulations as the delegates from the county medical societies.

7th. And be it further enacted, that hereafter it shall be the duty of every practitioner of medicine in this State to report himself to and connect himself with the medical society in the county where he resides, by lodging with the president of such society a certificate under his hand to that effect.

Dr. Spalding presented to the Society a pamphlet entitled "Reflections on Fever, and particularly on the inflammatory character of fever," by L. Spalding, M.D.

Dr. B. P. Kissam, from the committee appointed to procure a room for the accommodation of this Society, reported that they had waited on his Honour the Mayor, who politely offered the use of his office in the City Hall whenever the Society had occasion for it.

Dr. Spalding read his reply to Dr. Stearns' letter on *Ergot*,

addressed to the editors of the *New England Journal*, which was ordered to be recorded.

The following preamble and resolution was offered and carried:

Whereas, Caspar W. Eddy, M.D., who was elected Secretary of this Society in July last, has formally resigned that office, and removed from the city, therefore

Resolved, That the Society now proceed to the election of a Secretary.

Whereupon Gerardus A. Cooper, M.D., was elected to that office.

On motion—

Resolved, That this Society, at their next quarterly meeting, elect one of its members who shall, at the annual meeting in July, 1819, read a paper comprising the history of medicine.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the mayor's office, City Hall, Jan'y 4th, 1819.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. James R. Manley be and is hereby reinstated a member of this Society.

Dr. Thos. Cock reported to the Society a case of hydrothorax, and produced the heart, obtained by dissection, with unusual morbid appearances. The pericardium was generally united to the body of the heart by adhesions that appeared of long standing, and an extensive ossification in the form of the letter U extended from the base of the heart on one side over the apex to the base on the other, broad at one extremity, and becoming pointed at the other, firmly included in the substance of the pericardium. The patient in early life laboured under occasional difficulty of breathing, and was incapable of active exercise. Three years before his death he took an over-dose of an infu-

sion of digitalis by mistake, and from that period his complaint appeared to commence.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report more particularly on the above case.

Whereupon Drs. Cock, Pascalis, and Spalding, were appointed that committee.

Drs. Thos. Wm. Hunter, John B. Beck, and W. F. Piatt, were proposed ordinary members of this Society. Drs. Stevens and Cock were appointed to examine their credentials.

Drs. Teabuck, Gerardin, Louis Valentine, and Breuletou, were proposed honorary members.

The committee on the effects of cold water were not present.

The committee on vaccination reported.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and that the thanks of the Society be presented the committee for their attention to the subject, and that it be recorded in the book for original communications.

The committee appointed by the Comitia Minora, (consisting of Drs. Spalding, Pascalis, and Stevens,) to instruct the Delegate to the State Society, reported.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be recommitted, and that three be added to the committee.

Whereupon Drs. Sycks, Manley, and Kissam, were appointed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the committee appointed to draw up instructions for the Delegate to the State Society, to entrust said Delegate to call the attention of the Med'l Society of this State to the expenses of a medical education in the colleges of this State.

Dr. Cock read a communication from Dr. Spalding on the cure of gonorrhœa by the free use of an infusion of flaxseed, without the aid of injections, which was ordered to be recorded.

A letter was rec'd and read, from the Secretary of the Medical Society of New Orleans, acknowledging the rec't of the pamphlets and papers sent them by order of this Society, and

expressing a wish that the friendly intercourse may be kept up by the Societies.

On motion—

Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of a member of this Society who shall, at the annual meeting in July next, read a paper comprising the history of medicine.

Whereupon John Watts, Jr., M.D., was elected.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws of this Society.

Whereupon Drs. Sycks, Cooper, Cock, Van Solingen, and Pascalis, were appointed that committee.

Dr. Stevens, in the name of the editors, presented the Medical and Surgical Register, consisting chiefly of cases in the New York Hospital, by Drs. Watts, Mott, and Stevens.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the editors for their valuable publication.

The reading of Dr. Barbieux's paper on cancer was deferred (in consequence of the late hour) to the next meeting, when it shall be first in order.

Society adjourned.

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held on the 18th day of January, 1819.

The Society was constituted, the roll was called, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication addressed to the President, signed by fifteen members, requesting an extra meeting of the Society, and an order from the President to that effect, was read.

The President stated to the Society that the object of the meeting was to receive the report of the committee appointed to instruct the Delegate to the State Society. Dr. Sycks, from that committee, presented and read their report, which, after considerable debate and several amendments, passed as follows:

The committee appointed by the Medical Society County of New York for drawing up instructions for their Delegate to the

Medical Society of the State, touching several points of much interest to the medical profession and to the public at large, do present the following considerations, and do authorize and require the said Delegate, on behalf of the Med'l Society of this County, to use his exertions to procure the interference of the Medical Society of the State on the following points, in such manner as they in their discretion shall deem most conducive to the attainment of the objects proposed.

1st. They judge it both proper and expedient to propose that the Medical Society of the State should require of each county society that they make it the duty of one of their officers to inform every foreign practitioner, or practitioner from any other State or county exercising the medical profession within the limits of said county in which such society is located, of the laws of this State regulating the practice of physic and surgery, and to report by name to said county society all those individuals who may not, after a reasonable time, have complied with the same, in order that all infractions of the laws may be punished as therein directed.

2d. That in the exercise of the duty of examination of candidates for the practice of physic and surgery, not less than two censors of a medical society be directed to assist, concur, and actually to be present at the same time and place, and that without prejudice to the obligation already imposed upon the candidate to give satisfactory testimonials of his qualifications to a majority of the censors of said society.

3d. The Medical Society of the County of New York invite the attention of the Medical Society of the State to the expenses of public instruction in medicine in this State, and the period of study respectively necessary for an examination for a doctor's degree, and a license to practice physic and surgery. They conceive that this is a manifest impropriety, in rendering it obligatory on those who, not having received a collegiate education, or spent one year in the perusal of such studies as are usually taught in the colleges, and who nevertheless do not devote four years to the study of medicine, to attend complete courses of lectures on all the branches of physic, without, at the same time, fixing the demand of the teachers for their several courses in schools endowed by the Legislature; and while they acknowledge the wisdom of the statute which requires the licentiate to have completed three years of study with a regular practitioner, they deeply lament that there is no provision in the law which prevents the conferring of the highest honors in medicine on those who have not at least completed an equal period of study. In relation to these points it ought to be known that the degree of Doctor of Medicine has been conferred on persons after less than

two years study, and that the expense of attending lectures in the City of New York has nearly quadrupled since the years 1807 and 1808, as appears by the following sketch:

1807 and 8. Anatomy and Surgery, $15. Practice of Physic, &c., $15. Midwifery, $15. Chymistry, $15, in separate tickets, and in addition to these, lectures on the Institutes of Medicine, Materia Medica, Botany, and Mineralogy, were given in a general ticket for the same forty dollars.

1818. Anatomy, $20. Practice of Physic and Midwifery, $30. Surgery, $20. Natural History, $15. Chymistry and Materia Medica, $25. Clinical Medicine, $15. Legal Medicine and Institutes, $10. Admission to dissecting room, $5. Matriculation, $3. Natural Philosophy, $10. Fees for examination and diploma, &c., $30. Total, $183.

4th. They direct their delegate respectfully to present the request of the Medical Society of this county to the Medical Society of the State that they will use their influence to procure that the President, Vice-President, and Censors of the Medical Society of the State be constituted trustees *ex-officio* of the colleges of physicians and surgeons in this State, and that the President, Vice-President, and Censors of the Medical Society of the County of Herkimer, and that the President, Vice-President, and Censors of the Medical Society of the County New York be appointed trustees *ex-officio* of the colleges in their respective counties. On the subject of this article the Delegate is at liberty to urge the following reasons, viz.:

1st. The Legislature of the State have largely endowed the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and as yet the public have realized little benefit from their grants, which have exceeded the sum of $132,000, and although the system of medical education has been enlarged, the pupils have been obliged to pay extraordinary sums for the advantages of its extension.

2nd. The committee of the senate who unanimously reported the bill for the purchase of the botanical garden, which amounts to $74,268 of the money, granted their recommendation to the Legislature to pass bills mainly on this, that the physicians and students throughout this State, at all times, have access to the establishment, and the botanical lectures there delivered, free of expense, and it is well known that there never was such a public profesorate, and although this inducement appeared in the report of this hon'l committee, it was studiously kept out of the law.

3d. There appears to be a manifest propriety in uniting the interest of the State Medical Society, and the interest of this County Medical Society with those of the colleges of physicians and surgeons, as they must of necessity have the same ends in view, to wit, the improvement and diffusion of medical science.

4th. The members of the Medical Society of this County, and many other physicians and surgeons resident in different parts of the State, formerly were, by charter, trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city. Their privileges were withdrawn without any reason being assigned, and without their having done any act to forfeit them, &c.

Finally. There appears to be a necessity of so organizing the board of trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons that the professors alone may not only not be a quorum of the board, but that they may not be a majority of the whole number of trustees, as is believed to be the case at present.

The Delegate to the State Society is also directed to call the attention of said Society to the last section of the act passed the 20th day of April, 1818, relating to the practice of physic and surgery, with a view of reconciling its provisions with previous statutes.

Society adjourned.

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the Mayor's office, Feb'y 20th, 1819.

The President (from indisposition) and the Vice-President being absent, the senior Censor (Dr. Watts) took the chair.

The Society being formed, the roll was called, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A certificate signed by Alex. H. Stevens, M.D., was presented and read, stating that Mr. Crowell Mundy had studied physic and surgery as directed by law, and was recommended by the Comitia Minora for a public examination. He was accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, and declared entitled to a license by the Society, which resolution was communicated to him by the chairman with an appropriate address, and was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

On motion—

Resolved, That legal practitioners of medicine who have resided one year in the New York Hospital are admissible to membership in this Society.

John R. Rodgers, M.D., and Edw'd Delafield, M.D., were proposed ordinary members.

The Delegate from the State Society presented the following report:

"*Mr. President.*—The Delegate of this institution has presented himself to the anniversary meeting of the State Medical Society on the 2d inst., and has with pleasure observed a greater number of delegates than in former years, and the presence of many honorary and permanent members.

"On the 3d of Feb'y, at 10 o'clock A. M., the State Society was received in the Legislature chamber, when the President, Dr. John Stearns, delivered an eloquent, learned and impressive address on geology to one of the most respectable assemblies in the State. Many interesting reports were offered—some were topographical, others were relative to new formed medical societies; a few communications of a scientific nature were presented. That, however, of Amasa Trowbridge, Delegate from Jefferson County, deserves particular notice, and it will be annexed to the printed annual transactions. As an important alteration adopted by the State Society at this session, I must notice that of twelve Censors instead of five, three for each of the great districts.

"The following persons were elected officers for the following year:

"Dr. JOHN STEARNS, *President.*
"Dr. WESTIL WILLOUGHBY, *Vice-Pres't.*
"Dr. C. D. TOWNSEND, *Secretary.*
"Dr. I. DOWNS, *Treasurer.*

"For the names of the Censors and Committee of Correspondence I must refer you to the printed transactions. Dr. Lyman Spalding, of this city, and Dr. Wm. Bay, of Albany, were elected permanent members.

"At an early period of the session I prefaced, with my own remarks, the subject of collegiate medical education, and other regulations of the medical seminaries in this State, and then submitted your instructions to the Society.

"Whereupon the following preamble and resolution was proposed and adopted:

"*Whereas,* It is represented to this Society by the County Society of New York, that, in their opinion, the price of medical education in the College of New York is too great, and

"*Whereas,* The Regents of the University have the power to regulate the same, therefore

"*Resolved,* That the Regents of the University be requested to inquire into the same, and to make such regulations as may

appear to be most beneficial to the public, and most conducive to the advancement of medical science.

"The remainder of my instructions were comprised in three different articles, which were duly considered by the State Society. That which relates to the examination for license by Censors never to be proceeded on but by two of them at least at the same time and place, was judged to be sufficiently provided for in a resolution of the State Society in the year 1814, passed to that effect, but a committee of three members being appointed to report on the other articles, the following resolution was on their report adopted and entered in the minutes:

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the county societies to exercise their power respectively in adopting such measures as their local circumstances may require to enforce the laws respecting foreign physicians, and that this Society considers the last clause of the Act, &c., obligatory on every practising physician to report and connect himself with the county society in which he resides, before he can legally pursue the practice of physic and surgery, and equally compulsory on the county medical societies to receive every regular physician who applies, and is in possession of the requisite and legal qualifications thereunto belonging.

"These are, Mr. President, the subjects to which I have endeavoured to give the greatest attention and zeal. Happy and well rewarded shall I feel if I remain trustworthy in your estimation in anything that may be undertaking for the dignity of the profession, and of the welfare of our fellow citizens.

"(Signed) FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., *Delegate.*

"NEW YORK, Feb. 20th, 1819."

On motion—

Resolved, That the report of the Delegate be accepted and recorded.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the supposed and alleged abuses which are believed to exist in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, and to suggest the remedies therefor, in order that the Society of this county may take such ulterior measures as the circumstances of the case and the interests of the medical profession shall appear to require, and that such committee be required to report to this Society this day fortnight.

Whereupon the chairman appointed Drs. Manly, Osborn, Bayley, Tappan, and Beekman, said committee.

On motion—

"*Resolved*, That the Society adjourn to Saturday, the 6th day of Mar., at 4 P. M.

Adjourned Meeting, held at the Mayor's office on the 6th day of March, 1819.

The Society being constituted, the roll was called, minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. McNeven signified his intention of uniting himself to this Society henceforth in compliance with a late law of this State.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members: Dr. Thomas Wm. Hunter, Lecturer on Chem'y, Brooklyn; John B. Beck, M.D., Edw'd Delafield, M.D., John K. Rodgers, M.D., and Louis Valentine, M.D. P., of Nancy, France; M. Trabuck, M.D. P., President of N. Orleans Med'l Society; M. Gerardan, M.D. P., Secretary of ditto. M. L. Breuletou, M.D. P., of Bordeaux, were elected honorary members.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to inquire into and report on the abuses alleged to exist in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, and to suggest the remedies therefor, presented their report, which was read and accepted, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That it is expedient to recommend to the regents to fill up the Board of Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons from physicians resident in this city.

Resolved, That it is expedient to recommend that the degree of Doctor of Medicine should be restricted to those persons who have attended lectures at least one season in some medical school in this State.

Resolved, That it is highly improper to confer degrees (other than honorary) on absentees.

Society adjourned.

Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at Washington Hall on the 5th of April, 1819.

The roll was called, and the following members were present: J. R. B. Rodgers, Onderdonk, Pascalis, Van Solingen, Clark, Neilson, Stillwell, S. Lord, Bayley, Osborn, Mott, Cock, Watts, S. W. Moore, Cooper, Phelps, Spalding, Tappan, Stevens, Brush, B. P. Kissam, Griffin, Manley, McNeven, J. R. Rodgers, and Delafield.

Minutes of the last quarterly and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Dr. Barbieux presented an essay on Cancer, which was read by Dr. Pascalis, and ordered to be preserved in the archives of the Society.

Dr. Stevens read an interesting case of presentation of the right shoulder and umbilical cord, which was ordered to be recorded.

Dr. Spalding read a case of Fungus Hæmatodes of the Testicle.

Resolved, That the same be recorded in the Society's book.

The committee on the By-Laws reported progress.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of inquiry on the subject of a new and different statute regulating the practice of physic and surgery, be appointed, and to report to this Society as soon as sufficient information is obtained.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Neilson, S. W. Moore, Watts, Pascalis, and Cock, a committee for that purpose.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make the necessary, preparation and arrangements for the delivery of the oration on our anniversary.

Whereupon Drs. Spalding, Bayley, and Manley, were appointed.

The following resolution was offered and referred to the By-Laws committee:

Resolved, That an —— officer be instructed and directed by this Society to inform all persons coming in this city or county for the purpose of practising physic or surgery of the requisitions

of the statutes regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State. That the same officer report at each meeting those persons who have, or have not, after a reasonable time, complied with it.

A diploma to be presented to honorary members of this Society was read.

On motion—

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on By-Laws.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee on By-Laws be requested to report on the state of the seal of this Society, and if they think it expedient, devise one more appropriate, and report at the next meeting.

Society adjourned.

Monday, July 5, 1819.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society happening on the same day as the celebration of the Independence, the Secretary and one other member attended and adjourned the meeting according to the 1st Sect. of the 1st Chapter of the By-Laws.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the Mayor's office, July 6th, 1819.

The roll was called, and the following persons were present: J. R. B. Rodgers, Wm. Hamersley, D. Hosack, Wm. Moore, F. Pascalis, H. M. Van Solingen, J. Clark, Wm. Stillwell, H. McLean, J. Bayley, V. Mott, T. Cock, J. Watts, S. W. Moore, G. A. Cooper, J. Phelps, J. W. Francis, J. C. Cheesman, L. Spalding, A. H. Stevens, N. Brush, S. D. Beekman, J. Sycks, B. P. Kissam, J. R. Manley, J. R. Rodgers, J. B. Beck.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The President appointed Drs. J. R. Manley and J. W. Francis inspectors for the election for officers of this Society for the ensuing year, who made the following report, viz.:

NEW YORK, July 6th, 1819.

We the undersigned, Inspectors of Election, do certify that

the following gentlemen have been duly elected officers of the Medical Society of this county for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, M.D., *Pres't.*
WILLIAM HAMERSLEY, M.D., *Vice-Pres't.*
H. M. VAN SOLINGEN, M.D., *Treasurer.*
GERARDUS A. COOPER, M.D., *Secretary.*
JOHN WATTS, M.D.,
THOMAS COCK, M.D.,
JOSEPH BAILEY, M.D., } *Censors.*
L. SPALDING, M.D.,
A. H. STEVENS, M.D.,

(Signed) J. R. MANLEY, } *Inspectors.*
J. W. FRANCIS, }

Minutes of the Comitia Minora for the last year were read and approved.

The following report was presented by the committee appointed at the last meeting:

The committee appointed to make the necessary preparations and arrangements for the delivery of the oration at our anniversary, report that the orator has declined the services of your committee.

(Signed) L. SPALDING, *Chairman.*

The committee of inquiry on the subject of a new and different statute regulating the practice of physic and surgery, appointed at the last meeting, were discharged.

The committee appointed by the Comitia Minora to wait on Thos. A. Emmet, Esq'r, counsellor of this Society, for his opinion respecting the statutes regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State, presented the following letter:

"I have considered the Act to Incorporate Medical Societies, and the Bye-Laws of the Medical Society of the County of New York, and the two Acts to amend, and farther, to amend the Act to Incorporate Medical Societies, and so far as they relate to the rights of membership, and to the power of raising monies by yearly contributions. The 14th Section of the first Act undoubtedly gives to each society the right to make bye-laws and regulations relative to the admission of members, and to raise such contributions as a majority of the members at their annual meetings shall think proper.

"The Medical Society of the County of New York has accordingly made by-laws on those matters, and I think neither they,

nor the power of making such which was given by the first Act, is in any way affected by either of the subsequent Acts. The object of the 7th Sect. of the law passed on the 20th of April, 1819, seems to me by the questions proposed to me, to have been misunderstood, and certainly to repeal nothing of the former law. It confers no right of membership whatsoever, but as it was thought advisible that the medical society of every county should have a knowledge of those persons who might come within the range of its supervisory duties, the law for the purpose of giving to those societies that knowledge, directs that it shall be *the duty* of every practitioner of medicine to *report himself* to the medical society in the county where he resides, and to *connect himself* with it *by lodging with the president of such society a certificate under his hand to that effect.* It does not say he shall thereby, *ipso facto*, become and continue a member of a corporation previously created, and which by virtue of a preceding unrepealed law was vested with the power of admitting and expelling members. The direction to *report himself* can have no such effect, and the expression *connect himself* seems to me peculiarly guarded to prevent any such inference. Connection implies a relation between the two things, which may, however, be more or less remote, and the connection which is created by lodging the requisite certificate, and by nothing else, must be very slight and remote. Besides, the law is imperative on the practitioner to comply with its requisition, and if that were to make him a member of the society the strange consequence would follow that he would have no option whether he should become a member of the corporation or not. Such a corporation has, I believe, never yet been found or contemplated. The first section of the law, passed April 13th, 1819, certainly does not affect the power of the Society to raise from its own members a contribution annually not exceeding three dollars—it only relates to contribution for procuring a medical library, and from the practising physicians and surgeons of the county who may or may not be members of the Society itself. But to enforce this latter contribution the Society must (and it cannot do so better than at its anniversary meeting) make a bye-law, or ordinance, specifying the amount, for it is optional with the Society whether any contribution of the kind shall be raised, and if it shall, what is to be the amount, within the limit of one dollar. Until such a law is made nothing can be collected, and in the same way the amount of contribution by the members, within the limits of three dollars, must be fixed by a bye-law at the anniversary meeting.

"(Signed) THOS. ADDIS EMMET.

"NEW YORK, July 6th, 1819."

The committee appointed to revise the Bye-Laws presented a revised code, which was read, together with the following report:

To the committee to whom was referred the revision of the Bye-Laws was referred the form of a diploma to be conferred on honorary members, which has been presented and read to the Society by Dr. Felix Pascalis at the last meeting. There was also referred to the same committee the subject of the seal of the Society, with a request that the committee report their opinion on the expediency of devising one more appropriate.

On the former subject your committee, after due consideration, are of the opinion that the diploma is in form and substance correct, ample, and appropriate, a copy of which your committee ask leave to report.

On the latter, viz., the seal, your committee have unanimously agreed to reject the emblem and motto—that the same shall be abolished, and a new seal devised and made.

In the composition of a seal, a drawing of which is now presented, your committee have been principally guided by the propriety of selecting a distinctive subject—that subject they have taken from the Arms of the City of New York. It is the opinion of your committee the Medical Society of the County of New York have, under the Act of Incorporation, an equal right to this seal with other constituted authorities of the city, provided it be rendered distinctive and appropriate by such emblems and alterations as the nature and objects of the institution require. Your committee therefore propose to substitute an emblematical crest to that which appertains to the Armory of the City of New York, r. q. a., Medical Coronet, in lieu of the Geographical Hemisphere under a Soaring Eagle. That the crest shall be the head or bust of Æsculapius or Hippocrates under a ring or diadem entwined by the serpent. On the field or faces of the ring will be read the words—Societas, Medica, Comitatus et Civitatis. The annexed word, Novi-Eboraci, to be placed on a framing cartouche of the arm. Your committee have selected the following motto as an appropriate inscription for the seal: "Ægris, Auxilium, et potentes, manus adhibe," which is most respectfully submitted to this learned and honorable body.

(Signed) JAMES SYKES.
" GERARDUS A. COOPER.
" THOMAS COCK.
" HENRY M. VAN SOLINGEN.

On motion—

Resolved, The Bye-Laws be again read and considered by sections.

Whereupon the Bye-Laws were read as far as XI Chapter by sections and amended, when

On motion, it was

Resolved, We adjourn to Monday, the 12th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society, held at the Mayor's office July 12th, 1819.

The roll was called, and the following members were present: John R. B. Rodgers, Wm. Hamersley, J. Onderdonk, F. Pascalis, J. Clark, H. M. Van Solingen, Wm. Stillwell, V. Mott, T. Cock, S. W. Moore, G. A. Cooper, J. Phelps, J. C. Cheesman, L. Spalding, P. C. Tappan, A. H. Stevens, N. Brush, Jr., J. Sykes, B. P. Kissam, A. R. Griffin, W. J. McNeven, J. K. Rodgers, E. Delafield, J. Beck, J. D. Jacques, J. Watts, Jr.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. George Harriot, Nichol H. Dearing, John Wagner, Chs. Drake, A. Wright, Fayette Cooper, and James Kent Platt, were proposed to be admitted members, and Censors Stevens, Cock, Bayley, and Sykes, appointed to examine their credentials.

The Society then entered further into the consideration of the By-Laws, which were amended and adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That 250 copies of the By-Laws be printed, together with the statutes Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, and that a committee be appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

Whereupon Drs. Sykes, Van Solingen, and Cooper, were appointed that committee.

The diploma was adopted as reported at the last meeting.

The subject of the new seal proposed by the committee appointed for that purpose was discussed at considerable length, and amendments proposed, when,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be recommitted to the former committee, together with Drs. McNeven and Spalding, with a request to report at the next meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to publish in the newspapers of this city the first Sect. of the "Act further to amend an Act to Incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, passed April 13th, 1819," together with the By-Laws of this Society related thereto.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society now proceed to ballot for a *corresponding secretary*.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Moore and K. Rodgers inspectors of the election, who declared Lyman Spalding, M.D., duly elected. Dr. Spalding then addressed the Society, and resigned the office of Censor, which resignation was accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That a censor be now balloted for in the place of Dr. Spalding, resigned.

The election was accordingly held, and James Sykes, M.D., was declared elected.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Society, held at the Mayor's office, Sept. 13th, 1819.

Present—J. R. B. Rodgers, Hamersley, Van Solingen, Stillwell, Cooper, Sykes, Onderdonk, Spalding, Phelps, Pascalis, Cock, Stevens, Beck, Neilson, Lord, Watts, Moore, Cheesman, Jacques, B. P. Kissam.

Drs. A. Wright, Fayette Cooper, James Kent Platt, N. H. Dering, John Wagner, Charles Drake, and George Harriot, were elected ordinary members.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the seal of the Society, particularly in relation to the motto, reported

That, after a free and liberal discussion and consideration of the subject, they agree unanimously in adhering to and in retain-

ing the motto reported by the former committee. The committee further report, that the bust of Hippocrates is selected as the crest to the seal.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, A committee be appointed to carry into effect the engraving of the seal.

Drs. Pascalis and Sykes were appointed the committee.

On motion—

Resolved, The diploma for honorary members be engraved, provided the expense does not exceed thirty dollars.

Resolved, That the diploma be referred to the committee on the seal.

The committee appointed to superintend the printing of the By-Laws of the Society reported

That they have thought it advisable to depart from the resolution directing 250 copies to be printed. In this departure your committee were influenced by the belief that so large a number were not necessary, and by the consideration that there were in the possession of the Secretary 150 copies of the former edition, to which were attached the charter of incorporation and all the acts regulating the practice of physic and surgery at that time in force, which, by being made a part of the present edition, there is a saving of expense. The committee therefore directed one hundred and fifty copies to be printed.

JAMES SYKES, *Chairman.*

Drs. Winslow Warran, Samuel Macaulay, Anson W. Ives, Peter S. Townsend, and Andrew Anderson, were proposed ordinary members.

Dr. Watts was appointed to examine the credentials of the 3 first named, and Dr. Sykes the last two.

Resolved, That the President of the State Medical Society for the time being be considered, during his presidency and ever after, an ordinary member of this Society.

Whereupon John Stearns, M.D., Pres't of the Medical Society of this State, was admitted an ordinary member.

Reflections on the yellow fever periods, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., was presented and read by the author.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to cause the 20th Sect'n of the Statute Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, passed April 10th, 1813, to be put in force against illegal practitioners of medicine in the city of New York.

Whereupon Dr. Pascalis was appointed that committee.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at present for the Treasurer to publish in the newspapers the Act, &c., as directed by a resolution of the Society on the 12th of July last.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting, held at the Mayor's office, Nov. 8th, 1819.

Present—J. R. B. Rodgers, Wm. Post, J. Stearns, G. A. Cooper, L. Spalding, J. R. Manley, Thos. Cock, A. H. Stevens, J. K. Platt, J. B. Beck, A. Wright, J. Watts, J. L. Phelps, Wm. Hamersley, V. Mott, H. M. Van Solingen, J. C. Cheesman, P. C. Tappan, S. Osborn, F. Cooper, G. Smith, J. W. Francis, D. Dayton, J. K. Rodgers, C. Drake, F. Pascalis.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Documents were presented and read, stating that Peter Moulton had studied medicine and surgery for the term of three years, and had been examined by the Censors of this Society, who recommended him for a public examination. He was accordingly publicly examined, and declared by the Society entitled to a license to practice, which was communicated to him by the President with an appropriate address.

Drs. C. C. Blatchley, E. S. Blatchley, Wm. W. Quitman, Isaac Wood, F. T. Ferris, and James C. Bliss, were proposed ordinary members, and Censors Cock, Stevens, Watts, were appointed to report on their credentials.

Censors Sykes and Watts reported satisfactory credentials of Drs. Winslow Warran, A. W. Ives, And'w Anderson, Sam'l Macaulay, and Peter S. Townsend, who were then balloted for and elected ordinary members.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to cause the

statute referring to illegal practitioners of medicine to be enforced, reported that the board of commissioners of poor had directed the counsellor of the corporation of this city to commence suits in all known cases, which report was accepted.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee on the seal and diploma, reported progress.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Spalding, and ordered to lie on the table until the next meeting.

Resolved, That this Society will now elect an orator, whose duty it shall be to deliver an oration on the next anniversary meeting of the Society, embracing a general history of some one department of medical science from the earliest times to the present, and a particular history of it in our own country.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the character, origin, and nature, of the late epidemic which prevailed in this city.

Whereupon the President appointed Dr. Wm. Post, Dr. J. Sterns, Dr. T. Cock, Dr. J. Watts, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. J. Manley, Dr. J. C. Cheesman, Dr. L. Spalding, and Dr. C. Drake, a committee for that purpose.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Society procure a complete copy of all the transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York which have been printed, and cause the same to be bound in a volume, and in case any one or more years' transactions are out of print, that he cause a fair written copy to be made, which shall be bound up in the volume with the printed transactions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer take immediate measures to collect the sum of one dollar from every person practising medicine in this county, agreeably to the Act passed 13th of April, 1819.

Society adjourned.

Extra Meeting, held at the Mayor's office, Dec'r 3d, 1819.

Present—J. R. B. Rodgers, Wm. Hamersley, J. Stearns, V. Mott, J. Sykes, D. Hosack, S. D. Beekman, J. Wagner, G. A.

Cooper, A. H. Stevens, J. D. Jacques, F. Pascalis, J. Arden, J. K. Rodgers, T. Cock, L. Spalding, J. C. Cheesman, G. Smith, J. Bayley, W. Warren, A. W. Ives, J. Beck, F. Cooper, J. W. Francis, J. Phelps, P. C. Tappan, E. Delafield, J. R. Manley, A. Anderson, P. S. Townsend, B. P. Kissam.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that he had ordered this meeting called in consequence of a request addressed to him signed by 18 members, which was read.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee on the seal and diploma, reported progress, the same being nearly completed.

On motion of Dr. Pascalis, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report the instructions which it may be expedient to give to the Delegate to the State Society for the ensuing year, in the name and on behalf of this County Medical Society.

Whereupon Dr. Spalding, Dr. Sykes, Dr. Wayne, Dr. Beck, and Dr. Bayley were appointed, and requested to report at the next meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That it is inconsistent with the By-Laws of this Society to elect members at an extraordinary meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the election of an orator be postponed to the next stated meeting.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to inquire into the character, origin, and nature, of the late epidemic, reported (thro' one of its members) that the chairman had not yet convened the committee. The committee appointed to cause the statute referring to illegal practitioners to be enforced, requested that he be authorized to have any article, or section of the law relating thereto, to be published in one or two newspapers of the city.

Resolved, That that this request be granted.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed, by ballot, to inquire into the present condition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and whether the views of the Society

in recommending its establishment of the Regents in its organization, and of the Hon'e the Legislature in granting at different times large sums of money for its support, have been fully answered, and that said committee report to the Society this day fortnight.

Whereupon Dr. Watts, Dr. Manley, Dr. Drake, Dr. Tappan, and Dr. Beekman, were elected.

On motion of Dr. Drake, it was

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to invite the Trustees of the College of Physicans and Surgeons to co-operate with them in their inquiries.

Society adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting of the Society, held Dec. 17th, 1819.

Present—Censor Cock in the chair, Dr. Hosack, Dr. Post, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Beck, Dr. Platt, Dr. Manley, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Spalding, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Jaques, Dr. Beekman, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Ives, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Wright, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Francis, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Drake, Dr. Warran, and Dr. Phelps.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Joseph Barrett having produced satisfactory testimonials of study to the Comitia Minora, and been examined by them, he was recommended to the Society for a public examination, which was accordingly held, after which he retired, and the Society voted him a license; on being again introduced, the Vice-President (who had, during the examination, appeared and taken the chair) communicated to him the sense of the Society, whereupon he was invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

The committee appointed to instruct the Delegate presented and read their report, when

On motion, it was

Resolved, That that the same be read by sections.

The first section relative to the preliminary qualification of a

candidate for license, after several amendments proposed, passed as offered by the committee.

In the course of the discussion on the second section, it was,

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be recommitted.

Dr. Spalding, on application, was excused from the committee in consequence of his necessary absence from the city.

Dr. Sykes was reported much indisposed, was therefore excused from the committee.

Whereupon the chairman appointed Drs. F. Cooper and And'w Anderson in their stead.

The committee on the late epidemic reported progress.

The committee on the present state of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, reported progress.

Dr. Ives presented the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table till the next stated meeting:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Society that the Act of the Legislature of this State, passed April, 1818, contemplates the admission of every legal practitioner to the rights and privileges of a member of the medical society of the county in which he lives, and that after he shall have satisfied the society of the validity of his credentials, it is in order at every meeting to proceed to his election.

The committee for enforcing the laws respecting the unlicensed practitioners, reports that it is thought expedient by the counsel of the Hon'ble Corporation that the Society

Resolves, That in any commenced suit against any irregular or unlicensed practitioner, and on the application of the same, doubtful delinquences or irregularities in the case, be subjected to the decision of the Comitia Minora.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned Meeting of the Society, held at the Mayor's office, December 21st, 1819.

Present—Dr. Watts in the chair, Dr. Hosack, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Spalding, Dr. Beck, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Drake,

Dr. Francis, Dr. Mott, Dr. Post, Dr. Sykes, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Dering, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Beekman, Dr. Wagner, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Manley, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Clark, Dr. Ives, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Bayley, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Delafield, Dr. Cock, Dr. Hamersley.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed on the 3rd inst. to report on the present condition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, presented the following report:

That immediately on receiving a copy of said resolutions they entered upon the duties assigned them. Their first business was to consult upon the most proper manner in which the objects of the resolution could be affected, and it appeared to them that to comply with their spirit, the report must necessarily embrace all the material facts in any way connected with the history of the College, that it may serve as a ground work for any future measures which this Society might deem it expedient to adopt for counteracting its abuses, and establishing it upon such a basis as should have public opinion for its permanent security, and the extension and improvement of medical science for its immediate object.

It could not escape the observation of the committee that the Society had instituted this inquiry in consequence of their disappointed expectations as to the result of the measures which were adopted by them in February last, and that by charging the committee with a re-examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, they expected from them a detailed relation of the mutations which the College has expended since its establishment, with their causes and consequences, as nearly as could be ascertained, an account of its present condition, a statement of the original rights which the medical community enjoyed therein, and what were the objects of this community in petitioning for its organization.

In taking this expansive view of the subject, which the general scope of the resolution appears to warrant, and the general wishes of the Society demand, the first business which naturally presents itself is to examine into the right of the Society to interest itself in the concerns of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, claiming independent and exclusive privileges, the agency of this Society in obtaining its establishment, and the connection which formerly existed between them and that institution.

In discussing a report on this subject at a former period, the

Professors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, who are also members of this Society, assumed the high ground that this Society had no right to interfere into the concerns of that school, and having no rights, they could have no interests; that to examine into its affairs was, to say the least of it, meddling with matters that did not belong to it. This doctrine cannot be viewed in any other light than as setting up a claim to exclusive privileges and immunities to be exercised for their sole benefit, regardless of those of the community, and as tending to establish in the midst of us a learned aristocracy with its train of favoritism totally at variance with the free institutions of our country, and the chartered rights of its citizens. In the opinion of the committee this Society should, at the commencement of this inquiry, express their marked disapprobation, and record their solemn protests against such arbitrary and offensive claims.

The Legislature, sensible that the members of a community as a body corporate can more effectually maintain their rights and exalt their rank in the great family of the commonwealth than when acting in an individual capacity, has by various enactments constituted a medical society in each county. They call upon all legal practitioners to connect themselves with these societies, that, by their united exertions, they may aid in the promotion of medical science. It is manifest then that if this Society has no concern whatever in the large sums of money appropriated for the advancement of medical science, and no interest in the great and important privileges which they have been invested from the medical community and vested in the hands of six or eight of their professional brethren, then are all except this favored number disfranchised; then has the College which the Legislature and the Regents of the University intended for a College of Physicians and Surgeons become emphatically a College of Professors, and this Society would be wanting to themselves, their country, and to posterity, did they not appeal to the constituted authorities of the State for a surrender of its charter. But your committee are aware that this Society would deprecate the necessity of a course so disastrous to the interests of the College, and it is their wish to foster and to cherish seats of learning—to amend, but not destroy.

They have been led to this result by following out the obnoxious doctrines of professors; it pains them to repeat them, and they hope that, upon more mature reflection, they will abandon them, and assist this society, both by their counsel and influence, in beautifying and perfecting an institution which may become, at no distant period, an ornament to the country, and a memorial of the wisdom and munificence of its founders.

In order to place beyond the reach of controversy the right of

this Society to interest themselves for the improvement of the College, the committee beg leave to bring together their early transactions respecting the improvement of medical science, and the disposition with which they were met by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

One of the first acts of the Society (at a time too when the object for which they were incorporated was fresh in the minds of every member) was to appoint a committee to confer with trustees of colleges respecting the best means of promoting medical education, which measure there is reason to believe was met by a corresponding spirit, and no doubt gave birth to those subsequent acts of the Society that have been fraught with such important consequences to the medical profession.

They find, by a reference to the minutes of this Society, that it was originally their intention to apply to the Legislature to be incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons. They accordingly drew up the following memorial:

"*To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened, the Memorial of the Medical Society of the County of New York respectfully sheweth.*

"1. That the physicians and surgeons residing in the County, and authorized by law, in their several professions, did incorporate the first of July last according to the Act of April 4th, 1806, for incorporating medical societies.

"2. That the Medical Society of the County of New York at present consists of one hundred and thirty-nine members.

"3. That Nicholas Romayne is President of the Society; James Tillary, Vice-President; Archibald Bruce, Secretary; Valentine Seaman, Treasurer; that Samuel L. Mitchell is Delegate to the State Society; and that John R. B. Rodgers, Wright Post, William Hamersley, James S. Stringham, and David Hosack, are Censors of the Society.

"4. The Medical Society of the County of New York, impressed with a proper sense of the confidence which the Legislature of their county has been pleased to place in the members of the medical profession throughout the State, have proceeded to carry into effect the true intent and meaning of the Act from which they derive their corporate institution and powers, to use their best endeavours to promote the progress of medical knowledge, and to give encouragement and protection to all those who are devoting their time and attention to the science connected therewith.

"5. That considering the City of New York from its population and wealth, and its commerce, and the facility of communication with other parts of the United States and foreign countries, pos-

sesses great advantages for the cultivation of all the different branches of medicine and all the departments of science which are related to the practice of physic and surgery, they have appointed different committees to attend to the various branches of medicine and of the sciences connected therewith, but the Society are humbly of the opinion that their usefulness would be extended in promoting the public good and the improvement of their PROFESSION were they incorporated under the direction, inspection, and patronage, of the REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY of the State as a COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

"The Medical Society of the County of New York therefore pray that, retaining their present rights and privileges under the Act of Incorporation and their connection with the State Society, and their medical brethren in the county societies, they may be incorporated as a COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS under the direction, inspection, and patronage, of the Regents of the University of the State, as the wisdom of the HONORABLE LEGISLATURE may think proper for the public good, and the promotion and improvement of the medical profession and the sciences connected therewith."

This MEMORIAL was handed to the President to be presented to the Legislature, but as perfect unanimity did not prevail at its adoption, and as some differences of opinion existed as to the propriety of a measure which was calculated to effect the interests of the medical school then attached to Columbia College, the Society at the same time sent a memorial to the Regents in the words following, viz.:

"*To the Regents of the University of the State of New York, the Memorial of the Medical Society of the County of New York respectfully sheweth.*

"That the Society have directed a memorial to be presented to the honorable the Senate and House of Assembly of this State under the seal of said Society, of which a true copy is here annexed. That the Society, after much consideration, are fully of opinion that their efforts to contribute to the diffusion of science and the improvement of the medical profession would be more successful if they were directed under the patronage of the Regents of the University of this State, and they incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"The Medical Society of the County of New York therefore pray, that the Regents of the University of the State will be pleased to favour the views of the said Society, so far as they are connected with the public good, and with which the medical profession is intimately connected, to the end that the said So-

ciety may be incorporated into a College of Physicians and Surgeons under the patronage of said Regents."

The memorial to the Legislature was not presented; the one to the Regents, however, was successful; the President, then a delegate, and charged with this concern, in presenting to the Society a Charter for a College of Physicians and Surgeons, thus expressed himself. "It is, however, with regret, I have to inform you that I could not present the memorial without exciting those unpleasant reflections and remarks which are commonly manifested by the public in all disputes of professional men, which I wished anxiously to avoid, and would only submit to under imperious circumstances. Many of my fellow members can be no strangers to the situation in which I have been placed. I shall trust to their generosity for a just appreciation of the motives by which I have been actuated. The Society's memorial has been returned to the Secretary." And in another part of the same address, he says, "that in a conference he had with the Regents he stated the desire of this Society to be incorporated as a College of Physicians and Surgeons, that they might be useful to their country." He further remarks, "that the charter was drawn as favourable to the profession as could be expected, and with due regard to the rights of every member of this Society." The Regents, in their preamble to the Charter of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, offer reasons for granting it in which the rights of this Society and the medical profession are duly recognized, being precisely those set forth in the Society's memorial. If any proof were wanted to shew that the Legislature as well as the Regents intended that there should exist between the medical societies and the medical colleges a connection, harmony, and reciprocation, of rights and privileges as contained in the Act of 1818, wherein it is provided that each of the medical colleges shall have a delegate to represent them in the State Medical Society; and that the same views are entertained by the College of Physicians and Surgeons is manifest from the tenor of their first circular in which they express themselves thus: "As it is the principal object of this new institution to assist the progress of medical science in every part of the State of New York, the members of it consider the cultivation of correspondence and intimate connexion with the Medical Society of the State and the medical societies of the counties as one of their most important duties."

Your committee here rest the right of this Society to institute this enquiry, and they have no doubt that, on the further progress of this examination, it will appear that it is not only their right, but their duty.

In obedience to the second resolution the chairman of the committee, before they entered upon those enquiries, addressed a letter to the President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons enclosing the resolutions, and respectfully inviting the trustees to a conference. It was promptly answered by that gentleman under cover to the Secretary of this Society. He was silent on the subject of the requested interview, but signified his intention of laying the communications before the trustees.

Your committee are happy to have it in their power to state that the letter contains principles worthy the high character of the venerable writer, and such as are entitled to the serious consideration of this Society. It is in the words following:

"COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Dec. 3d, 1819.

"The President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the State has the honor to inform the committee of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, for some time past he has contemplated the restoration of the College in general upon the footing of its original constitution. To consist of Fellows, Trustees, and Professors; that the Fellows be clothed with the authority of the Medical Society of the County; that the Trustees, under the Regents of the University, manage the funds and superintendence of the school; and that the Professors be empowered in teaching. He understands the professors have similar views, and he will cheerfully unite with them and the Medical Society in their laudable attempts to promote the honor and usefulness of the profession, and to establish that harmony which must at all times contribute essentially to both.

"Respectfully,

"(Signed) SAMUEL BARD."

Understanding that the President had left the city, and unwilling on their part to omit any means to bring about the desired conference, the chairman addressed a note to Dr. Mitchell, the Dean of the Faculty, also a Trustee. The note and the answer was as follows:

December 5th, 1819.

DEAR SIR—As chairman of a committee appointed under a resolution of the Medical Society at their late meeting, I addressed a note to Dr. Bard, as the President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, enclosing said resolution, and requesting that he would inform me when and where it would be convenient for the Trustees to confer with said committee. A letter has been received from that gentleman developing his own views of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, which is very satisfactory, but contains no intimation respecting the conference pro-

posed in the second resolution. I understand he has left town. I have therefore to request of you, as Dean of the Faculty, that you would inform me at what time and place it will be convenient for the Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to confer with the committee on the subject of said resolutions, and shall be pleased to receive an early answer.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAS. R. MANLEY.

SAMUEL L. MITCHELL, LL.D.

ANSWER.

"Dr. Mitchell presents his compliments to Dr. Manley, and in answer to his note of last evening, informs him that an extraordinary meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has been called for this day noon. It is probable that the communications mentioned by Dr. Manley will be the subject of deliberation by the Trustees. Dr. Mitchell regrets that his previous and necessary engagements will prevent his attendance at the board where he might learn the nature of a business urged with so much solicitude.

"Thursday morning, 6 o'clock, Dec. 7th, 1819."

After waiting several days and receiving no answer, the chairman addressed the following note to the Trustees under cover to Dr. Francis, the Registrar:

"GENTLEMEN—The committee of the Medical Society under a resolution of that body, in the words following, viz.: '*Resolved*, That a committee of five persons be appointed by ballot to enquire into the present condition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of New York, and whether the views of this Society in recommending its establishment of the Regents in its organization, and of the Honorable the Legislature in granting at several times large sums of money for its support, have been fully answered, and that said committee report to this Society this day fortnight'—respectfully request the Trustees' permission to examine the ALBUM of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and to read the communications which from time to time have been made to Regents, together with the answers of said communications, so far as they have been received. The committee will be pleased to receive as early an answer to this communication as convenient with the convenience of the Trustees.

"Your's, etc.,

"(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY.

"To the President and Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons."

In reference to these communications the College have observed a most sullen silence—a silence which cannot be misunderstood. It proclaims to this Society and the whole medical community THEIR doctrine of exclusive privileges, and so far do they carry this doctrine that the ordinary decorum of society and the common courtesies of life must be violated rather than admit a doubt of their prerogative.

Your committee have shown that, at the earnest solicitations of this Society, the Regents granted a charter for a College of Physicians and Surgeons. In this charter the members of this Society, and all other legal practitioners in this county, were constituted its MEMBERS OR TRUSTEES, with power to elect its OFFICERS annually, and investing them with all the powers usually granted to trustees of colleges, excepting the appointment of PROFESSORS and conferring DEGREES, which a law of the State required the Regents to retain.

Under this CHARTER the College was organized and commenced its operations, and in their report to the Regents, dated January, 1808, it was stated to be in a most flourishing condition, and promised important advantages to the community. That the number of pupils then attending lectures was fifty-three; that they had fixed the price of the whole course of LECTURES at forty dollars in order that a full education might be accessible to all classes; that they had moreover made arrangements and invited each of the COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES to recommend a student of medicine to receive gratuitously the instructions furnished by the College; that they had instituted a correspondence and invited an intimate connection between their institution and the medical societies of every county in the State. In furtherance of these liberal views, the College ask for the patronage of the Legislature and request an endowment; accordingly that body soon after made to them a grant of twenty thousand dollars.

Whilst the College was thus proceeding with internal harmony and apparently the best wishes of the community for its success, they received from the Regents (March, 1808,) a supplementary charter setting forth in the preamble that a memorial had been presented to them under the common seal of the College stating that, under existing circumstances of said College, it might be important to the stability and usefulness of the institution that they (the Regents) should take upon themselves the appointment of the officers of the College for the term of five years. This supplementary charter among other things revoked the

power of the members of the College to elect its officers, since which time the committee believes the rights of this Society have been nominal and nugatory. Notwithstanding this unexpected alteration many of the members of this Society continued their connection with it as Trustees, and there is reason to believe gave their best exertions to advance its prosperity and usefulness. The institution, true to its first principles, and aided by the legislative grant of $20.000, was rapidly rising in character and importance, for we find the number of students attending the winter session of 1808–9 to be seventy-seven, when unfortunately a misunderstanding arose in the College on the subject of the PRICE of LECTURES and the continuance of gratuitous county students. Three of the professors objected to continuing the gratuitous instructions to county pupils and the low price of lectures, and a minority of the members embraced their opinions. One of the professors expressed himself willing to come to any arrangement, and the remaining three, with a great majority of members of the College, were decidedly opposed to any change.

They thought that the present celebrity of the institution was in a great measure owing to the liberality of their views as expressed in their circular, and that the College was specially chartered to diffuse medical knowledge throughout the State by making the price of its acquisitions so low as to render them accessible to all who should devote themselves to the practice of the healing art. For at the time that the institution was chartered there was a medical school attached to Columbia College conducted by some of the most eminent physicians of this city, and there was still room in its chambers for the admission of more pupils, but the terms of admission were much too high to render it a place of general resort for the students of the State. Moreover, they believed that although no condition was annexed to the State grant of $20,000, yet that it was given to them in consideration of their having gratuitously instructed pupils recommended by the several county societies; they did not therefore feel warranted to keep from the public what had been so recently accorded.

On these points of difference a friendly arrrangement was adopted by the professors, the precise nature of which the committee have not been able to inform themselves. It is, however, understood that the interests of the school were not materially affected, and its concerns proceeded as heretofore.

The College, in their report to the Regents in the year 1810, express a desire that they should make some arrangement with the professors to regulate their fees in such a manner as that they should not exceed the aggregate sum of FORTY DOLLARS for all the winter courses, and TWENTY DOLLARS for the sum-

mer courses of lectures, whereupon the REGENTS differing in opinion from the College, "*Resolved*,* That the Professors of Anatomy and Surgery and the Professor of Chemistry be each entitled to $20 from each student, and all other professors to a sum not exceeding $15 each"—thereby abolishing the $40 course and putting it out of the power of the College to receive gratis students from the counties. They also "*Resolved*, That the Professors of the College should examine all applicants for the Degree of Doctor in Medicine before the first day of March in every year, and immediately thereafter report to them the names of those who might be deemed qualified and worthy to receive said degree," by which resolution it was rendered no longer necessary for the student to have the approbation of the College on his qualification to obtain that honor.

In the spirit of these *Resolves* of the Regents the College commenced its fourth session, November, 1810. The number of students that attended the Anatomical and Chemical classes was about 25; the number that offered to the other professors was so inconsiderable, and the professors themselves believing the present ill-advised regulations which they had used all their efforts to prevent had produced the diminution, after several days lecturing discontinued their courses in hopeless regret.

About this time it was given out confidentially that the members and officers of the College would be dislodged and the institution placed in other hands, but it appears from written notices of that day that the College were not able to trace those rumours to any satisfactory source; they therefore were unable to judge the probabilities of any further changes. It appears they determined to wait patiently the approaching session of the Regents, confidently hoping that the wisdom and integrity of that distinguished body would establish such regulations for its government as would enable it to retrieve its former character, and secure it from future disasters. On the meeting of the Regents, the College laid the condition of the institution before them for consideration. Three of the professors, together with one or two of the censors (formerly the party which had dissented from the College on the points before stated which were the cause of the present derangement), at the same time sent a memorial to that body. The committee have not been able to obtain either of these documents, and can say nothing of their import; the result however is before the public.

In consequence of these communications the Regents, in their proceedings in April, 1811, say "that unfortunate misunderstandings had arisen in the College, and unless something ef-

* March, 1810.

fectual be done, it would become degraded in the estimation of the public, and its usefulness be inevitably destroyed;" whereupon they revoked the powers of the members, or trustees, and the other officers of the College in regulating its concerns, and vesting them exclusively in a board of trustees not to exceed *twenty-five* in number, and to be appointed by themselves. They constituted the *President, Vice-President, Professors,* and *Treasurer,* for the time being a part of said board under a provision of the Act of 1791, that permits the professors of a college of physicians and surgeons only to be trustees, and which regulation is as yet an "*anomaly*" in the government of literary institutions. They also attempted a unison of the Medical Faculty of Columbia College with the College of Physicians and Surgeons by appointing the professors of that institution to the "*chairs*" in this. Whether the Regents had any intimation that the Professors of Columbia College were willing to come into the measure, the committee have not been able to learn; but it is certain that only *one* of them acquiesced, the others declaring in the public prints that the arrangement had been entered into without their knowledge, approbation, or consent, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons on their part expressed equal surprise at the unexpected termination of this affair. This third mutation wrested from the members the little remaining power which was left them from the last change, and none of the medical profession except the professors and three or four medical gentlemen have had any concern or interest in the transactions of the College from that time to the present.

The committee cannot, from the "data" which they possess and at this distance of time, fully appreciate the motives which impelled the Regents to take these decisive measures; doubtless they were actuated by an anxious desire to promote the best interests of the institution, and with the belief that the members of the medical profession were at that time too much agitated and divided to superintend its concerns; yet they cannot avoid remarking on the liability that the medical gentlemen interested might have been misrepresented by the EX-PARTE evidence of a small minority of the College, and that interested individuals may have taken advantage of the unhappy FEUDS of the College by magnifying their effects in order to procure the exclusive control of an institution capable of being made to serve the purposes of personal aggrandizement to the neglect of the great purposes for which it was established.

When the views of the two parties are fairly considered, that those gentlemen who differ from the three professors represented what might be supposed to be the feelings and wishes of the medical profession at large in endeavouring to maintain the

original principles which had been adopted of affording medical instruction on easy terms, and the obligations they were under (in consequence of having received a public endowment) to instruct a portion of the indigent and worthy students who might otherwise be deprived of the advantages of a full medical education; when the relation in which these gentlemen stood with regard to the medical profession is considered, being truly and essentially a part of that profession, and deriving and expecting no emolument or immunity excepting what might be procured for the benefit of the whole, the committee do think they deserved a patient hearing before they were dismissed from their employments, and the interests of the many made to yield to the representations of the few. But the Regents did no doubt weigh all these matters, and thought themselves called upon, by imperative necessity, to save the institution from being degraded and destroyed by the feuds and dissensions which had been so feelingly depicted, by placing its superintendence solely in the hands of those whose aim it would be to preserve an establishment which afforded them both distinction and revenue.

The committee do not wish to complain, but are rather disposed to admit and to regret the necessity of such a measure, while they congratulate themselves on the arrival of a period when that necessity no longer exists, when unanimity and concord reigns among us, and no one doubts the capacity of the the medical profession to exercise their rights but those who have them in their exclusive keeping.

In 1812 a measure preliminary to the consolidation of the two colleges (for it tended to show in the future in what channel the public bounty would flow) the Legislature, on the recommendation of the Regents, transferred the annuity of $500 which had for many years been received by the anatomical professors of Columbia College to the University for the benefit of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The committee are informed that this sum is paid over and applied to the reduction of its debts.

In the autumn of 1813 the contemplated union of the two faculties was at length effected, and was confirmed by the Regents in the March following. The College thus constituted consisted of eighteen trustees, ELEVEN of whom were PROFESSORS—the same reasons which first induced the Regents to leave the board imperfect still existed to continue it so.

It was unworthy of that illustrious body to mock the medical community with a show of representation when such representation could exert no influence or control over the affairs of the College as long as a majority of that board were *professors*. Such a medley could only have served to awaken petty broils

and lengthen out the pupilage of the profession; it therefore could not have been their intention.

In the opinion of the committee the Regents were actuated by high and honorable motives. They intended that for the present, and until the time should arrive when the recent irritations and collision should have ceased so as to enable them to select a body of men qualified to administer its concerns on broad and liberal principles, to commit its government into the hands of the professors, not only making them a majority, but appointing for their colleagues who should enter into all their views, and be the very men they would prefer.

A cursory glance at the Board of Trustees as at present constituted (and the committee believe none have been appointed since the period referred to) will convince this Society of the correctness of their views on the subject.

One of the gentlemen is a resident of a neighboring State, and with one or two recent exceptions has not attended a meeting of the board for several years. Another lives some distance from the city, was a relative to a late professor, and has not been at a meeting of the board for four or five years. A third, a venerable gentleman, a man of acknowledged merit, who has never been known in this State as a practitioner of medicine, and whose piety, age, and infirmities, led him to higher and more interesting views than the administration of colleges. A fourth, at the time of his appointment an entire stranger in the State, and about taking charge of a Professorship in the Medical College of the Western District, and whose situation could give him no peculiar interest in the prosperity of an institution which was calculated to obscure the one with which he was connected; accordingly the *Trustees* refused him a seat at their board, and persisted in that refusal until last *April*, altho' for several years he had been a resident in this city. A fifth and a sixth are respectable practitioners of long standing in this city, who took part with the minority in their dissensions of 1811.

And finally, the remaining member of this board is an eminent BARRISTER of this city, in no manner concerned in the progress of medical improvement, and who, tho' bred a physician, has abandoned that profession; his integrity, talents, and character, place him above the reach of suspicion. But the committee do think that his intimate connection with one of the professors, a connection formed under circumstances calculated to call up and knit together every kindred feeling of humanity, did not promise in *him* a representative for the public.

In the year 1814 the Legislature made a second grant to the College of $30,000, with six years' interest, which, with the former one and the annuity of $500, amount to nearly $70,000.

The necessity of anticipating these funds has no doubt embarrassed its finances and obliged it to apply a considerable portion to the payment of interests on debts unavoidably contracted; yet from all the committee are able to learn, they are persuaded its fiscal concerns have been managed with all that judgment and economy with which prudent men regulate their own affairs, and they cannot help remarking that *that* spirit which has in so many other instances produced consequences loudly reprobated by the public, has here been productive of the best effects.

The buildings of the College are permanent, spacious, and convenient, and will require no addition for years, but all its funds have been absorbed in procuring them, and further involved in a debt of about $15,000, independent of a debt which it has incurred in the purchase of a library; and it is yet destitute of Museums, Cabinets of Natural History, and Chemical Apparatus, those now in the institution being private property.

Whenever the finances of the State shall permit, and the improved condition of the College warrant an application, it may reasonably expect further endowments to liquidate its debts and perfect the establishment.

Thus have your committee traced the College through its previous history and examined into the causes and consequences of its several mutations, and they trust that they have been successful in concentrating in one view a long series of events, and preparing the way for a cordial examination of its present condition.

The situation of the committee has been peculiarly delicate and trying; they have not, it is true, required the aid of the Trustees to furnish the material, these have passed upon them from every quarter—the College has been too long the *daily* subject of scrutiny and remark, and its acts have been too sensibly felt to permit them to remain involved in obscurity and mystery. They have endeavoured to keep a constant watch over their own feelings, and to divest themselves even of that interest which, as members of the medical community, they may have in this investigation, and have been desirous to hear the explanation of a body of men many of whom hold a distinguished rank in society. They have, however, been denied this gratification, and left to appreciate the acts of gentlemen who, respectfully invited, have not thought proper to offer even the slightest information, thereby manifesting an indifference to what all men ought to respect—"public opinion," or, perhaps, believing themselves beyond its reach.

The committee have seized with pleasure every circumstance that could relieve the unpleasant *monotony* of complaint which has everywhere arrested them without descending into particu-

lars which border on personal remark, and they would have it distinctly understood that they *canvass* the acts of *Professors* in their public characters as *Trustees*, and not as *individuals*. The committee recall with sentiments of pride and satisfaction the honorable exertions of this Society of last March, in correcting what were at that time considered as abuses in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The profuse and almost indiscriminate distribution of *medical honors* at that time justly excited their serious concern, and it is consoling to reflect that it has been instrumental (however small the degree) in obtaining legislative interference, yet the committee would ill merit the confidence reposed in them did they say the evils have been wholly corrected, or even pass them over in silence. The Legislature have never been unmindful of the deep responsibilities of the medical profession, of the benefits as well as injuries which it is capable of dispensing to every member of the community.

They have from time to time examined and remodeled the law relating to the practice of medicine, demanding higher requisites as the resources of the pupils and the condition of the profession would warrant. The law as now amended promises an accession of character to the profession, and able dispensers of the healing art in every part of the State, if no counter power be allowed to divest its tendencies or paralyze its efforts.

As early as the year 1787, the Legislature gave to the Regents of the University unrestrained power in granting the *Degree* of Doctor in Medicine, clothing its possessor with all the privileges and honors conferred by such degree in the most favoured universities of this country or Europe, and admitting him to the right of practising medicine and surgery without submitting to those regulations which the law of the State exacts from other practitioners. These peculiar rights and privileges of the University Doctorate are the more marked and distinguished than those of Columbia College, the only institution in the State then empowered to grant them; were solely literary, and conferred no power to practice the profession.

The Legislature were led to make this distinction between a *Doctorate* and a Medical license in conformity with an opinion which the wise and learned have ever held, that a person may practice medicine with advantage to the public and credit to himself and yet not deserve its first literary honors.

It is with regret the committee find that the honorable the Regents were not of the same opinion; that they have been induced to place them on the same footing with the licenses of medical societies, and by the mode in which they have chosen to distribute them invited students to apply to their professors for *degrees*, turning away from the more natural course of obtaining

licenses from medical societies. By these usages the Regents render themselves liable to be imposed upon by the interested views of individuals, thereby (without any intention on their part) counteracting the views of the Legislature, and flooding the community with unworthy physicians.

The committee are of opinion that it is no reflection to a young gentleman, if, after attending a course of lectures of four months' continuance in an institution where the professors, entirely unacquainted with his former habits, attainments, and course of studies, do not think he merits a *doctorate*, he returns to the county in which he has pursued his studies. The medical gentlemen there best know his qualifications, and can best judge whether he is worthy to be admitted amongst them a fellow-practitioner and equal. If he feels himself aggrieved by their decision, he can appeal to the Medical Society of the the State.

The committee have been induced to take this general view of medical honors in order to a better understanding of the detail they are about to give of the transactions of the College on this subject, and the effects that threaten to ensue from their present regulation.

In the original charter the Regents retained the power of granting degrees on the recommendation of the College. This regulation continued three years, during which time the Trustees recommended no gentlemen for that honor, although there is reason to believe that several did apply; for a misunderstanding having arisen on this point, in which the professors were about equally divided, the Regents issued an order (September, 1810,) directing the professors to report to them without delay the names of those students who had been examined for degrees, and also those who may have been found qualified and worthy to receive the degree of "Doctor of Medicine," thereby abolishing the necessity of a student to have the recommendation of a majority of the College in order to obtain a degree, and rendering it possible to procure *one* on the recommendation of a single professor although all the others should dissent.

From this time the committee date the abuse of the Regents' *diplomas*—at any rate, their liability to abuse. Accordingly, at the first medical commencement which was held in the ensuing May, eight gentlemen were made Doctors in Medicine; the number of students who attended the session were about thirty. The next year the number of students was 84, and the graduates 20, 11 of whom were regular pupils. The session of 1812–13, — students, graduates, 5. The session of 1813–14, — students, graduates, 5. The session of 1814–15, — students, graduates, 5. The session of 1815–16, 120 students, graduates 30. The

session of 1816–17, 150 or 60 students, graduates 35 or 9. The session of 1817–18, 100 students. The session 1818–19, 160 students, graduates, 84. It is with pain that the committee state that in turning over the documents of the College at this time, they find circulars addressed to the public informing them that the Regents had removed all useless academic obstructions to granting degrees—that they required no term of study, no attendance on particular lectures, &c., &c. To the committee these circulars appear to be invitations for full classes—they proved at least to be the means of full commencements. But why should they enlarge on this point? the evil is partially corrected—the Legislature, as before stated, have interposed, and by requiring a term of study have placed the degrees on a footing with licenses. The Regents have also shown their determination of a reform by requiring candidates for degrees to attend a full course of lectures as given at the College.

It appears to the committee that some further regulations are called for to place these degrees on the high and respectable footing which they have a right to claim—that they should for that purpose be awarded by a body of men in no way concerned in teaching.

To attempt to remove evils which are too glaring to escape observation, without adopting such measures as shall prevent their recurrence, is to foster abuses by making them sufferable, and those interested in the character and stability of the profession will never rest satisfied until its avenues and its honors are guarded by all the restraints which wisdom and prudence can dictate. To examine into the truth of the rumours which have been circulated on this subject, would be an invidious task; many of them are, no doubt, the exaggerations of prejudice, and do not deserve the attention of the Society, but facts as in the report made to them in March last, the committee have had additional reason to believe well founded, especially of students having been refused degrees in the University of Pennsylvania, and immediately afterward having obtained them in this College. It was this circumstance which gave occasion to one of their professors in a public discourse to remark, "that whatever may be the conduct of a sister institution, he hoped the time was far distant when the University of Pennsylvania should degrade itself by conferring *its* honors on unworthy members of the profession." It was unkind, although it may have been merited, and with *shame* and *sorrow* must the *Alumni* of this College hear that their *Alma Mater* could be thus reproached. It has not been thought necessary to collect and embody all the alleged instances of abuse on this head; let it suffice that evidence has been given to which the committee cannot refuse its assent,

that students have graduated who have not attained the age of twenty-one years; that one had graduated who had never served in the office of any physician, his only claim being that he had attended some lectures in a desultory manner and whilst engaged in other pursuits; that two have graduated who have not been engaged in the study of medicine more than one year and one half; and finally, that many have graduated who had never attended lectures in the College, and who, before their examination, were entire strangers to the professors. But the committee have dwelt too long on this humiliating subject, the general survey which duty has imposed is already more than they cheerfully perform, lest it might induce the stranger to revile what they wish to cherish and support.

The committee state with much confidence that the instructions offered by the College are full and satisfactory; that the professors are for the most part learned and able, embracing a respectable portion of the talent in the city. They have seen no disposition manifested from any quarter to remove the present incumbents, and however we may have merited the sneers of a sister institution on other points, the committee believe our professors may be advantageously compared with those of any similar institution in the country.

The attention of this Society was called last spring to the exorbitant prices of lectures; this evil is now removed; each professor receives no more for his ticket than the rule of the Regents of March, 1810, prescribes, so that this Society have the pleasing reflection to know that its labors of last March were not altogether in vain.

It is, however, worthy of remark that all the professors excepting one demand the *maximum* as determined by the Regents. The committee do not charge them with doing wrong; they know that self-denial is the hardest lesson of humanity; but they think that the precise sums should be regulated by a disinterested board, and suited to the varying condition of Society. They would not degrade the labors of professional eminence to the mean rules of the mechanic arts; to cheapen them would be to extinguish manly ambition; to fill the chairs with those who would occupy them on the lowest terms would be to condemn a seat of learning to perpetual pupilage and obscurity; they would only remark that the expenses of education should always keep pace with the changes incident to society.

With much regret do the committee state (that the doors of the College) they find are closed against all practitioners except those who are fellows, or who have paid for three courses of lectures to the professors whom they wish to attend. The committee state with pleasure that two of the professors who are in

the habit of acting on different views, admit within their rooms with courtesy all practitioners when they are lecturing. These regulations nearly amount to a total exclusion, for the number of fellows is very small, and chiefly confined to the early graduates of the College, and as the institution is of recent date, the great body of the profession have received their education elsewhere, and of course do not possess the requisites demanded. The only alternatives remaining are, "either to deprive themselves wholly of the benefits of an institution established as well to diffuse the improvements of medical science as to rear up new members, *or* condescend to assume, as occasion requires, the character of pupils." These regulations are the more injurious as they are calculated to repress that ardor which the display of learning and ability employed in public instruction naturally excite in the minds of men engaged in the same professional pursuits.

It remains for the committee to speak of the minor and more recent acts of the Board of Trustees, which nothing but the extreme necessity of the case and the requirements of society would induce them to do; for however guarded they may be, they fear lest their observations may be thought by some to savour of personality, and calculated to induce the Society to take part in the dissensions which unfortunately agitate their administration, when it is alone their wish to restore that quietness to the College which happily pervades the rest of the profession.

The Regents, as before observed, passed an ordinance in March, 1810, limiting the price of lectures, and shortly after the College issued a circular containing this ordinance; it however was soon forgotten by those whose duty it was to remember and execute it. That it had escaped their notice, through long disuse, appears by the surprise they expressed at its existence when it was mentioned in a *report* made to this Society in March last, wherein it was stated that three of its professors had exceeded its limits.

The sensations which such proceedings have created will no doubt place the Trustees more upon their guard, and convince them that it is necessary and just to regulate their proceedings by a code of by-laws which shall recognize all the instructions sent to them by the Regents. The committee have been informed that they actually engaged in devising such codes for the regulation of its internal concerns. The graduation fees are *thirty dollars, three* of which are paid for the instruments, and *five* have heretofore been paid to the President for conferring the degree; the remainder the committee are informed is equally divided among the *professors*, which sums they are in the habit of loaning to the College without interest.

The number of graduates last May was so great as to induce the *professors* to consider the sum usually paid to the *President* as an amount much larger than he could reasonably require for the services rendered; they accordingly agreed to allow him what might be sufficient to defray the expenses of the journey he had performed in the execution of his duties. The offer of the professors was declined, and the committee understands that that *venerable* gentleman intends to appeal to the Regents at their approaching session from a decision of the professors, which he thinks to be illiberal and interested.

In the last circular of the College, the public are informed that the *Anatomical* class are permitted to *have access* to the dissecting room free of expense. At the opening of session $5 was demanded of every student who wished to dissect; the class objected to the fee as unauthorized, and were told that they could have access to the dissecting room without additional charge, but if they dissected they must pay the fee. The class appealed to the Board of Trustees, and manifested an unwillingness which threatened to diminish their number, when, after much dissension and delay, the board determined that no fee should be exacted.

The Board of Trustees have been much agitated on another subject, involving principles of a serious character. A number of students complained that they were obliged to attend the lectures of the *Clinical Professor* before they could become a candidate for a degree. They considered it a grievance, as his ward was not convenient, and accordingly remonstrated to the board, and stated their unwillingness to comply with this requisition. This appeal gave occasion to much discussion in that body during several sittings, and some temper was manifested by the opposing parties. In the course of the debate, the question was (as the committee are informed) formally brought up whether or not they should recommend to the Clinical Professor to resign; some doubted the propriety as well as the legality of this procedure, and it was referred to counsel learned in the *law*; finally, a compromise took place, which was announced to the class from the practical chair, that the Trustees had taken legal advice, and that it was decided that they could not dispense with the services of any professor, but that they had referred their case to the consideration of the Regents, who would no doubt return an answer in time for them to comply with the form by paying for the clinical ticket in case it was necessary.

Your committee apprehend the most serious consequences to the stability and usefulness of the institution from its present constitution, which makes the professors the sole official organ of communication to the Regents. They see in this practice

that there is danger that the controlling power will be left uninformed of circumstances that it may suit the interests of professors to withhold—they believe that it will inevitably produce and cherish a system of favouritism offensive to the liberal feelings of the profession, and calculated, as has happened in some European institutions, to transmit the professorships through worthy veins to degenerate sons; as yet the spirit has but little influence.

The Regents, since the establishment of the College, have appointed fifteen professors, and the committee feel warranted in saying, that they express the sentiments of their brethren in the city when they declare that, with *one* exception, the learning and character of these gentlemen render them worthy of these distinctions. Far from being surprised at one departure, it is a matter of congratulation that, under circumstances so difficult to obtain unprejudiced opinion, the wisdom of the Regents has supplied the deficiency.

It is not alone in the nomination to professorship that the undue influence of professors is alarming. On the subject of a resolution of this Society last *March* to recommend to the Regents to fill up the vacant seats at the board, some of the trustees (professors) have exhibited great alarm, lest peradventure the gentlemen to be appointed would not enter into their views; and it is notorious that one professor, at least, has shown an indelicate anxiety on this subject, by taking measures to present to these vacant seats; and the committee have heard with disgust an intimation given out that certain gentlemen would not be objectionable provided that, in accepting the places of trustees, they ever afterward rendered themselves ineligible to the appointment of *professor*.

The committee forbear to enter further into the details of the anxieties, distractions, and dissensions, of the Board of Trustees; they believe that they necessarily flow from the incongruous and clashing powers which these gentlemen are called to exercise, and that no set of men situated as they have been would be more likely to give satisfaction. They believe that they have shown that "the views of the Society in recommending the institution of the Regents in its organization, and of the Legislature in granting to it at several times large sums of money for its support," have not been fully answered.

The committee therefore suggest to this Society the propriety of submitting the present condition of the College to the honorable the Regents at their approaching session. It may be confidently hoped that that dignified body will give the subject their serious consideration, and adopt such measures as shall elevate it to a level with the other institutions of our country.

They also suggest that a memorial be addressed to the Regents, praying them to appoint a Board of Trustees, to consist of *twenty-five* persons who shall not be teachers, of which number the *President* of the College shall be one, and that the *President* of the *State Medical Society* and of the *Medical Society of this County* be *ex-officio* members of said board, and that the remaining *twenty-two* persons be taken from among the respectable practitioners of medicine resident in this city. They also suggest that said *board* be invested with all the powers usually granted to trustees of colleges, excepting those of granting degrees and appointing professors; that the members of the Medical Society of this County be constituted members of the College, with all the privileges usually granted to fellows, together with the right by election of filling up all vacancies which in future may occur in the Board of Trustees.

The committee have been induced to confine these privileges to the Medical Society of this County, inasmuch as the Legislature contemplates the said Society to embrace every legal practitioner in the county who will comply with its regulations. The committee further suggest that this Society request the Regents to adopt some permanent regulations to be observed by the Board of *Trustees* before that board recommend for their consideration the claim of any gentleman to fill a vacant chair. This course, the committee are informed, is pursued in some European universities, and has been found productive of the best effects in supplying the professorships with *eminent* teachers, and raising up a multitude of able competitors.

It is peculiarly calculated for the temper and genius of this people.

Your committee cannot close this report without expressing a hope that the gentlemen of the College will, on mature reflection, unite their efforts and personal influence with those of this Society in effecting the contemplated changes. It is only by laying the foundation deep and broad that we can expect to give stability and usefulness to any institution.

The City of New York is peculiarly calculated to be the centre of information to these United States, diffusing its influence over every part of this Western World, and the *College of Physicians and Surgeons* is destined to be among the first of those causes which shall produce the great result.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY, *Ch'n.*,
JOHN WATTS, Jun'r,
CHARLES DRAKE,
STEPHEN D. BEEKMAN,
PETER C. TAPPAN,
} *Committee.*

A motion was made that the report be accepted. Two letters, one addressed to the President, and the other to the Secretary of this Society, by the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Dr. Hamersley, the Vice-Pres't, appeared and took the chair.

Various objections to the report were then offered by Drs. Post, Hosack, and Spalding.

To which Drs. Manley, Watts, and Stevens, replied.

The question being then called for, it was taken and passed in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative, 18—Dr. Watts, Dr. Beck, Dr. Drake, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Dering, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Beekman, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Manley, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Ives, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Cock.

Negative, 9—Dr. Hosack, Dr. Spalding, Dr. Francis, Dr. Post, Dr. Jacques, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Delafield, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. J. K. Rodgers.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report of the committee be recorded.

Resolved, That a committee of eleven persons be appointed by ballot to draft a *memorial* to the Regents of the University, embracing the recommendations of the *report* just read, and that said committee report this day one week.

Whereupon the chairman appointed Drs. Stevens and Drake inspectors of the election, who presented the following report:

"We, the undersigned, appointed inspectors of the election for the above committee, report the following persons elected, viz.: Dr. Watts, Dr. Manley, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Cock, Dr. Drake, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Beck, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Sykes, Dr. Cheesman.

"(Signed) A. H. STEVENS.
"CHAS. DRAKE."

The following *protest* was read and ordered to be recorded:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, protest against the report of the committee on the subject of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York; the said report, in the opinion of

the undersigned, contains various unfounded and unjust statements.

"(Signed) WRIGHT POST.
"DAVID HOSACK.
"J. D. JAQUES.
"JOHN W. FRANCIS.
"L. SPALDING.
"J. KEARNEY RODGERS.
"FAYETTE COOPER.
"WM. J. MCNEVEN."

Resolved, That the Society do now adjourn to Tuesday, the 28th inst., at half past four P. M.

Adjourned Meeting, held at the Mayor's office, Dec'r 28th, 1819.

Present—Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, Dr. W. Post, Dr. J. Wagner, Dr. J. D. Jaques, Dr. S. Osborn, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. F. Pascalis, Dr. A. Ives, Dr. T. Cock, Dr. S. D. Beekman, Dr. Wm. Stillwell, Dr. J. Macauley, Dr. J. B. Beck, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. J. Stearns, Dr. J. H. Douglass, Dr. N. Brush, Jun'r, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. P. C. Tappan, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. J. W. Francis, Dr. J. Clark, Dr. H. M. Van Solingen, Dr. J. C. Cheesman, Dr. D. Dayton, Dr. J. R. Macauley, Dr. J. Watts, Jun'r, Dr. N. H. Dering, Dr. C. Drake, Dr. J. K. Platt, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. J. Bayley, Dr. J. S. Arden, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. D. Hosack, Dr. F. Boyd, Dr. J. L. Phelps.

Minutes of the last meeting (with the exception of the report, which was dispensed with) were read and approved.

The committee appointed to draft a memorial to the Regents of the University presented and read the following memorial:

To the Honorable the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

The memorial and petition of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York respectfully sheweth:

That your memorialists have taken into consideration the condition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of New York, with a view to the improvement of medical science, and the extension of the benefits of said College.

That your memorialists appointed a committee to report on all matters relating thereto, which report, having been adopted

by the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, accompanies this memorial.

That it appears from said report that the members of the Medical Society were originally members of said College, vested with certain rights and privileges.

That from the various changes which the College of Physicians and Surgeons has undergone since its first establishment, the members of the Medical Society have now neither rights, privileges, or representation, in said College, and are entirely excluded from all the benefits and distinctions which were originally conferred by the charter.

That a College of Physicians and Surgeons in all European countries is widely different from a School of Medicine and Surgery; the one embraces the members of the professional community; the other extends the benefits of education to the students of the profession.

That the College of Physicians and Surgeons consists at present of seven professors, six other members of the medical profession, and a president, to whom, as a Board of Trustees, is committed the government of all its affairs; these fourteen persons, together with a very small number of fellows only, are allowed the enjoyment of any of the rights and privileges of a College of Physicians and Surgeons.

That the professors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not only a quorum for the transaction of business, but a majority even of the trustees at all ordinary meetings of said board.

That it also appears from said report that much dissatisfaction has been manifested on the subject of medical degrees, and that the College has not acted conformably to duty, or to the instructions of the Regents.

That from the defective organization of said College, the existence of separate and discordant interests has disturbed and injured both its usefulness and government.

That in the opinion of your memorialists the evils which now exist, and those of which the medical profession have heretofore complained, may be obviated, and the recurrence of them in future be prevented by a new organization of said College.

That the interests and duties of the Professors are inconsistent and at variance with the office and relations of the Trustees; the educating and examining of candidates for degrees may properly be entrusted to the profession, while the general administration of the concerns of the College should be committed to the distinct Board of Trustees.

They therefore pray,

That the honorable the Regents of the University, retaining to themselves the power of appointing professors and of grant-

ing diplomas, will appoint a Board of Trustees, to consist of *twenty-five* respectable physicians, of whom the President of the State Medical Society, the President of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the time being, and the present President of said College be *three*; which board, with the exception of the three now enumerated, shall at all times be residents of the City of New York, that a full board for the transaction of business may always be obtained.

That some permanent regulations be observed in filling up hereafter vacant professorships, as in the opinion of the honorable Regents shall best seem calculated to prevent a system of *favoritism*.

That the present members of the Medical Society of this County, together with all such persons as may hereafter become members of said Society, and who have been resident in the City of New York for three years as legal practitioners of medicine, may be constituted members or fellows of said College, possessing all the privileges usually accorded to such persons, including the right of filling up all vacancies which may occur in said Board of Trustees by death, resignation, or removal from the City of New York.

And your memorialists, &c., &c.

(Signed) JOHN WATTS, Jun'r,
JAMES R. MANLEY,
CHAS. DRAKE,
THOMAS COCK,
PETER C. TAPPAN,
JOHN B. BECK,
BENJ'N P. KISSAM,
JOHN C. CHEESMAN,
JOS. BAYLEY,
} *Committee.*

A motion was offered that the report be accepted, which, after considerable discussion, was carried in the affirmative—ayes, 26; nays, 5.

Affirmative—Dr. Wagner, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Brush, Dr. Macauley, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Smith, Dr. Beck, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Ives, Dr. Pascalis, Dr.Cock, Dr. Beekman, Dr. Manley, Dr. Watts, Dr. Dering, Dr. Drake, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Platt, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Arden, Dr. Kissam, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Phelps. Ayes, 26.

Negative—Dr. Post, Dr. Hosack, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Francis, Dr. J. K. Rodgers. Nays, 5.

On motion of Dr. Watts, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the memorial just read be continued, and that five others be appointed by ballot to be associated with that committee, to whom shall be entrusted the business of forwarding and presenting said memorial to the honorable the Regents, and of taking such other measures as they in their discretion may think proper to accomplish the views of this Society in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Whereupon Drs. Smith, Wagner, Ives, Osborn, and Stearns, were elected.

On motion of Dr. Watts, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Society be directed to furnish the chairman of the committee now elected with all the necessary documents to further the business of this Society in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

On motion of Dr. Post, it was

Resolved, That any member of the Society may take a certified copy of the report of the committee on the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with the memorial to be presented to the Regents.

The committee appointed to instruct the Delegate to the State Medical Society, presented the following report:

"The committee to whom was recommitted the report on the instructions to the Delegate to the State Medical Society, report, that on an attentive reconsideration of the various subjects recommended in that *report*, they have been confirmed in the belief that all of them are eminently calculated to advance the honor and usefulness of the medical profession; they cannot but regret that the members of this Society have not appeared to consider them of equal importance.

"The committee cherished the hope that, at a time when every mind was alive on the subject of reformation in our profession, not an opposing voice would be heard against the measure which they had submitted to the Society. They are still willing to believe that the opposition which did arise was owing rather to a misconception of the views of the committee than any actual hostility to the measures themselves. Under these impressions they submit the original report, with such modifications as they believe will obviate many of the objections which have been urged against it.

"They deem it advisible that your delegate should be directed to use the most ingenious efforts to obtain the adoption of the following regulations, viz.:

"1st. That every candidate for a license to practice medicine should be required, previously to his being admitted to his *medical* examination, to exhibit satisfactory evidence of his acquaintance with the Latin, and of his correct knowledge of the English language, the mathematics, natural philosophy, and moral philosophy, or the science of the mind. Your committee believe it wholly unnecessary to enter into any elaborate train of reasoning for the purpose of establishing the propriety of such a regulation; every enlightened physician must be aware of the salutary influence which it will extend over the profession if carried into effective operation. It will go far toward banishing ignorance and vulgarity from our ranks, at the same time it will become the means of attaching to the standard of medicine a greater portion of that cultivated intellect which at present finds its vent almost entirely in the other professions. Independently, however, of all the advantages that may accrue from the proposed regulation, there is one consideration which of itself ought to be decisive, and that is the necessity of placing the medical profession on a level with the other learned professions of law and divinity, in both of which a preliminary education in the liberal arts and sciences is considered essential. We can conceive of no satisfactory reasons why this should be altogether omitted in a profession which claims a closer affinity to science and philosophy than either of the others. Whatever causes may have had an influence heretofore in preventing the adoption of such a regulation, we believe they have ceased to operate at the present period, and we therefore confidently expect that our views will be cordially seconded by the Society.

"2nd. Your committee recommend that, in so far as it may be practical, a uniform system of medical studies and of medical examinations be adopted throughout the State. As the only measure capable of effecting this appears to be that of requiring the student to go through a specific course of medical reading, they propose the following regulations:

"That no candidate shall be admitted to his examination until he shall certify that he has read the authors enumerated under each of the different branches of medical knowledge.

"The following is a list of books recommended for this purpose:

"*Anatomy*—Wistar's, or Edinburgh System of Anatomy, or Bell.

"*Physiology*—Richerand, or Blumenback, or Haller.

"*Theory and Practice of Physic*—Cullen's, or Hosack's Nosology; Cullen's First Lines; Thomas', or Thacker's Practice of Physic; Rush's Medical Inquiries and Observations, and Underwood, on diseases of children.

"*Surgery*—Dorsey's Surgery, or Cooper's Surgical Dictionary, or Bell's Surgery, and in addition to one of these systems, the students shall read either Hunter or Bell on the Venereal.

"*Midwifery*—Bard, or Bandelocque, or Denman, or Burns.

"*Materia Medica and Pharmacy*—Chapman, or Murray, or Thacher's Dispensary, or Coxe's, or Edinburgh, by Dyckman.

"*Chemistry*—Gorham, or Henry, or Thomson.

"3rd. Every candidate, after having been examined by the Censors, shall be examined publicly before the Society.

"4th. Every candidate shall be required to present, at the time of his examination before this Society, an inaugural thesis on some medical or surgical subject, which he shall be obliged to defend.

"5th. Every county medical society shall be directed to establish a medical library for the use of the members of said Society, and all fees accruing from the examination of candidates, all fines, together with the tax of *one dollar* imposed by a late law of the State upon every member of the profession, shall be appropriated to the accomplishment of this object.

"6th. Your committee recommend that measures be adopted to extend the charter of this Society, so far as it relates to the amount of property which it is authorized to hold. It is presumed that this Society will shortly establish a medical library, and in that case the value of the books themselves will very speedily exceed the whole sum allowed by law. Among the many inconveniences and disadvantages resulting from this restriction, not the least will be the constant check which it will exercise in retarding the increase of the library. To obviate an effect so obviously detrimental, it is proposed that the Society petition to have their charter so altered that it may be enabled to hold property to the amount of not more than $10,000 value.

"7th. Your committee have been informed of the existence of an abuse in the manner of conducting an examination for licenses in some of the counties. It is not uncommon for the candidate to be examined by each of the Censors separately, and at different times, and to receive his license without ever appearing before them in their collective capacity.

"The evils of such a practice are obvious, and require the application of a prompt and effectual remedy.

"Such is a schedule of the subjects which the committee submit to the serious consideration of the Society. There are others of vital importance which they have wholly omitted to notice, because they have been considered to be either inappropriate at the present moment, or more properly belong to another committee of this Society.

"It may readily be presumed that measures calculated so de-

cidedly to reform the condition of our profession as those which have been recommended will be met with opposition and hostility. This, however, appears to be the fate of every plan of great and extensive utility. If this should occur in the present instance, it remains only for the united intelligence of the profession to array itself in their defence, and when this is done we cannot cherish a doubt of success.

"It will be observed that the committe have omitted altogether that part of their previous report which related to the New York Hospital; they have been induced to adopt this course, not because they intend to abandon the object which they wished to obtain from that institution, but because they are desirous to await the result of negotiations which they understand are going on between that institution and the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

"The committee therefore offer the foregoing as a report only in part, and request leave to be continued, for the purpose of reporting on this subject at a subsequent meeting.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"(Signed) JOHN WAGNER.
"JOSEPH BAYLEY.
"J. B. BECK.
"F. COOPER.
"A. ANDERSON."

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Society, held at the Mayor's office, Jan'y 10th, 1820.

Present—J. R. B. Rodgers, President; Dr. J. Onderdonk, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Wm. Hamersley, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. J. K. Platt, Dr. D. Dayton, Dr. W. Stillwell, Dr. J. Clark, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. P. C. Tappan, Dr. J. Wagner, Dr. J. Phelps, Dr. A. W. Ives, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. J. Watts, Dr. W. Warren, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. J. D. Jaques, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. J. Harriott, Dr. J. R. Manley, Dr. C. Drake, Dr. T. Cock, Dr. N. H. Dering, Dr. J. C. Cheesman, Dr. F. Pascalis, Dr. J. Osborn, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. J. B. Beck, Dr. J. Macauley, Dr. E. Badeau, Dr. J. Bayley.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The credentials of the following gentlemen were reported satisfactory: Dr. Cornelius C. Blatchley, Dr. Ebenezer S. Blatchley, Dr. William W. Quitman, Dr. Isaac Wood, Dr. Floyd T. Ferris, Dr. Wm. J. Piatt, and Dr. James C. Bliss, who were then balloted for and elected members.

On motion of Dr. Manley, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolution respecting an *orator* be postponed to the next regular meeting.

The committee on the late epidemic reported progress. The consideration of the resolution offered by Dr. Ives, on the admission of members in this Society, was postponed.

The following gentlemen were proposed for seats as members: Dr. Thos. Van Buren, Dr. Joseph M. Smith, Dr. Peter B. Helm, Dr. Samuel Akerley, Dr. John W. Sterling, Dr. Jacob Dyckman, Dr. James Cockroft, Dr. Richard Seaman, Dr. William Swift, Dr. Eldridge G. Dunnell, Dr. Stephen D. Roe, Dr. James Seaman, and Dr. John J. Howe.

Dr. Cock was appointed to report on the first six named, and Dr. Watts on the remainder.

On motion of Dr. Watts, it was

Resolved, That the President of this Society affix his signature to the memorial to the Regents of the University in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and that the Secretary be directed to annex thereto the seal of the Society, properly attested.

On motion of Dr. Watts, it was

Resolved, That any documents of the Society in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the possession of the Secretary, that may be called for by the committee, shall be signed and executed by the President and Secretary, if required.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee appointed to instruct the delegate be discharged.

On motion of Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That the report of a committee on the subject of the College of Physicians and Surgeons presented to this Society last March, then accepted and ordered to be filed, be taken from the file and recorded, with the accompanying documents.

A letter was received from Dr. Sterling, secretary of a meeting of physicians and surgeons, which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Society adjourned.

REPORT.

Presented and accepted March 6th, 1819, and by the above resolution ordered here to be recorded.

NEW YORK, March 5th, 1819.

The committee appointed at a special meeting of the Medical Society, held Feb'y 20th, 1819, to inquire into and report upon the abuses alleged to exist in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, and to suggest the remedies therefor, respectfully represent:

That they have had the subject in their most serious consideration, and have given to it, if not all the attention which it merited, at least as much as could with propriety consist with their ordinary professional duties. Believing it to be a more interesting concern than any which has occupied the attention of this Society since its organization, they have proceeded with all the caution and delicacy which such a subject necessarily demanded, and in that part of their duty which relates to *inquiry*, they have confined themselves to matters of fact, or in their absence to matters of fair and obvious inference, although, from the nature of the case, those facts were with some difficulty obtained.

The business committed to them seemed naturally to arrange itself under two great heads, viz.: "*Expenses of Medical Education*," and "Abuses of the right of recommending Candidates for the degrees of *Doctor of Medicine*," which right, as exercised by the officers of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is to amount to the power of conferring those distinctions; and that they might avail themselves of all the information which the shortness of the time allowed them to report would admit, they addressed a letter of which the following is a copy, to gentlemen of character in the several places where medical schools were established, viz.: Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New Haven, answers to which, as far as received, will be found in the appendix to this report, *vide* paper marked A; they addressed a letter also to the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, which was treated with marked disrespect, attended with circumstances peculiarly offensive to your committee, but no answer in writing was received; the copy of this letter will be found in the

appendix, marked B; and they drew up a number of questions for students which have been answered—the questions and answers will be found in the appendix marked C.

In order to estimate the expenses of medical education it is always necessary that they should be considered relatively, and these relations are extremely various; they depend on the value of money, the amount of services rendered the student in reference both to the time and labor expended in teaching, the necessary expenditure to which the teacher is subjected in rendering his lectures useful and interesting, and also on public patronage, in so far at least as that patronage assumes the form of positive endowment. By a reference to records the enquirer may satisfy himself of the following facts:

That the first course of lectures delivered in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1807, which is represented to have been both full and satisfactory, cost the student the sum of forty dollars; and there was besides a summer course, of the benefits of which the student might avail himself, which cost him twenty dollars more; there was also provision made for gratuitous instruction of one pupil from each county who might be recommended by the county medical society.

These arrangements were liberal in themselves, beneficial to the interests of medical science, inasmuch as they were calculated to diffuse and extend the advantages of a thorough education, and they were highly honorable to the professors, who accordingly received a credit for them in a substantial form at the next meeting of the Legislature, who granted to the College a donation of $20,000. These fees and immunities to county students are believed to have continued but two seasons, notwithstanding the liberality which the institution had so recently experienced.

The professors, in 1809, began to demand increased fees, and as they had heretofore regulated the price of their own tickets, the right of enlarging them could not be questioned, although the infant state of the establishment, and the fact that there existed another school in Columbia College at this time, should have induced them to have doubted its expediency. In 1810 the Regents of the University assumed the right of regulating the price of tickets, and resolved that the professors of anatomy and surgery (then one branch), and the professor of chemistry, should each be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding twenty dollars from each student for every course of lectures, and all the other professors should each receive a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars for their courses of lectures, respectively, delivered in said College.

This resolution of the Board of Regents, your committee have

been informed and believe, has never been rescinded, and they are of opinion that if it had been duly enforced by the authority which made it, and properly observed by those whose duty it was to obey, there would not have been any great dissatisfaction expressed on the subject of expenses, so long at least as full attendance upon all the courses was not made a *sine qua non* condition of graduation.

In conducting investigations of this kind the inquirer feels himself relieved whenever he can quit the confused pathways of disputed right and find authoritative direction for his future progress, and your committee think that this resolution of the Regents, bearing date the 5th of March, 1810, furnishes the only settled rule by which to try the question of excessive fees; and it is proper here to remark that although the Regents resolved that the prices of lectures should not exceed these several amounts, it does not therefore follow that they intended to fix them at this point, for they must have known, as well as we now do, that the several courses of instruction differ widely from each other in the time necessary to deliver them, and just as much in their intrinsic usefulness as branches of a medical education, and also that some of them are from their very nature extremely limited in their extent; besides, too, if they had so intended, any attempts to exact the amounts must have been immediately followed by a total desertion of some of the lecture rooms. It appears evident that they intended merely to settle the *maximum*.

The word *course*, as interpreted by the Regents themselves, *included* all the branches taught by any one professor, for it is to be understood that all of them lecture on more than one subject.

The following statement will shew the fees as settled by the Regents, those exacted by the professors, and their differences:

	Authorized.	*Exacted.*	*Difference.*
Dr. Post	$20.00	$20.00	
Dr. Mott	15.00	20.00	$5.00
Dr. Hosack	15.00	30.00	15.00
Dr. McNevin	20.00	25.00	5.00
Dr. Hamersley	15.00	15.00	
Dr. Dewitt	10.00	10.00	
Dr. Mitchell	15.00	15.00	
Dr. Francis	10.00	10.00	
	$120.00	$145.00	$25.00

It cannot but be observed that the price of lectures, as fixed by the Regents, is double of that commanded at the commencement of the institution for both winter and a summer course combined. The difference between the authorized and exacted amount is $25, to which must be added the fee for matriculation, three dollars, and a fee for admission to the dissection room, five dollars, making a total of thirty-three dollars. Your committee,

tho' they have sought for information respecting the fee for graduation, thirty dollars, and the fee for matriculation, three dollars, have not been able to ascertain by what authority they have been demanded; they believe, however, that the professors determined these amounts. The fee of five dollars to the dissecting room they have no hesitation in saying ought to be relinquished, since, from all the information they can procure, it purchases no advantages which ought not to be obtained in the anatomical room. Students who dissect are required to purchase their subjects, and they do not know to whom it is paid, or for what, except it be in the shape of room rent. The amount demanded for tickets of admission to the lectures of several of the professors is believed by your committee to have a most unhappy influence on medical education, by depriving pupils in a great measure of the advantages which they might derive from attendance on the courses of other professors, and thus obliging them to limit their field of study to a few branches to the exclusion of the rest; and to a great extent has this evil already operated, that while some of the teachers whose tickets are the highest have classes of 100 or 150 persons, others have scarcely a sufficient number to induce them to lecture at all, and in one instance the lectures of a professor were absolutely suspended from this cause.

There is another most injurious consequence which has flowed from this source, which your committee feel themselves bound to notice, inasmuch as its direct tendency is to withold from pupils the benefits of a most interesting and essential course of instruction, to wit, the Lectures of the Theory and Practice of Physic. Your committee have learned with surprise that the professor of this branch, who also teaches Midwifery, has demanded for the joint courses the sum of thirty dollars, and when he has been requested by persons who wished to attend *one* and not the *other* to grant separate tickets, he has in some instances positively refused, and the pupils have left the school rather than submit to what they considered an imposition in requiring them to purchase what they did not need, and which they could not find convenient to attend. And in those instances in which he has consented to divide his courses he has required and received for the two halves more by five dollars than would purchase a whole one as settled by himself, and more than twice the amount which, by authority from the Regents, he was permitted to take; *vide* appendix, paper marked D.

While on this subject your committee will observe that, in their opinion, the Regents of the University, by their resolution of the 5th of March, 1810, made ample provision for the compensation of professors, so ample indeed that it appears difficult

to assign a motive for its increase which can be reconciled with that liberal and ingenuous feeling which it should always be the pride of a public teacher to maintain, allowing that any addition to them was authorized; but when we take into our account of unauthorized exactions that (with the exception of the Professor of Anatomy) they were made by those only who lectured to the largest classes, and on the most essential branches, we are not only at a loss for motives, but feel ourselves constrained to acknowledge that if we should call such conduct by its proper name, we should be obliged to use a language which in this report we have purposed studiously to avoid.

The committee close this part of their report by expressing their unanimous opinion that such measures should be adopted as shall be calculated to reduce the fees for attendance on all the public lectures delivered in the College to the standard directed by the Regents of the University. And taking into view the very liberal endowment which the Legislature of this State has made for the benefit of medical science, which amounts to a sum exceeding $132,000, they think it not only expedient but called for by considerations of commmon justice, that this Society should take measures to restore to each of the county medical societies the privilege which they formerly enjoyed of sending a pupil to the College of Physicians and Surgeons who should be admitted to a full course of all the lectures *gratis*; with this difference, however, from the former arrangement, that instead of the privilege being confined to such persons as are not in circumstances to pay for their tuition, it be awarded as a *premium* from the county society to such student within the county as shall by diligence and application to his medical studies present the strongest claim to this distinction. This regulation, if it could be effected, would operate to excite a spirit of inquiry and emulation among the students of a county which your committee think cannot fail to be attended with the happiest effects upon the interests of medical science.

On the subject of the abuse of the right of recommending candidates to academic honours, your committee report that there appears to exist among medical gentlemen much dissatisfaction, and they regret to state that, from all the information they have been enabled to procure, this dissatisfaction is but too well founded.

They differ very much in opinion from those who are disposed to measure the flourishing state of a school by the number of persons graduated from it, and so far are they from believing that this fact furnishes any datum from which to judge the reputation of any institution for public instructions, that they incline to think that this simple unconnected circumstance may be

offered as evidence of a directly opposite condition of such institution, and that no inference can be drawn from it which can be made to have a favourable bearing on the substantial character of a College without estimating the number of its honors with *due* relation to the number of students matriculated therein.

It was the intention of the committee to have presented to the Society a comparative statement of this kind, derived from the Album of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, but on application to the Registrar for the information, he behaved so rudely that they preferred proceeding in their report with the light which they possessed to making a second attempt to come at the official tables.

It appears from a history of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, published in 1813, that no medical commencement was held in that institution until May, 1811, when eight persons were admitted to the degree of Doctor in Medicine. In 1812 the number admitted was twenty, eleven of whom were regular students. In 1813 there were five. In 1814 there were eleven. Of the precise number of students who attended and were matriculated in those years we are ignorant, but believe it to have varied from fifty to seventy; the proportion of graduates to students supposed to be 1 to 7. In 1818 the graduates were *thirty-five*, and the students about *one hundred and fifty*; proportion of graduates to students as 1 to 5. In the present year your committee are informed that the number of students is somewhat greater than last year, say *one hundred and sixty*, but the graduations in prospect are upwards of seventy, nearly one half of the whole number belonging to the school. Your committee will remark here that, so far as their information extends, the number of graduates in any well regulated medical school, compared with the number of pupils attending such school, seldom exceeds the proportion of *one to eight*, and in by far the greater number of medical colleges the proportion is still less. In Columbia College they never exceeded the proportion of *one to ten*. In Edinburgh, your committee are informed, the proportion is less than *one to twelve*. In Philadelphia, *one to ten*. In New Haven, the average for the last five years, is *one to six*.

The committee have no hesitation in saying that the graduations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons present a most extraordinary proportion, and such as no college in any country ever graduated, unless indeed it furnished facilities for acquiring medical degrees which other institutions would not accord to candidates, with a view to the profits which might accrue thereupon. Your committee have heard that there are such institutions in Europe; they may perhaps flourish there, provided there are not too many of them, but they feel well sat-

isfied that whenever any attempt shall be made to degrade the character of a respective medical school in this country by a conduct like this, the folly of the measure will very soon be verified by its results.

Although the committee would not for a moment indulge a suspicion that facilities are granted in the College of Physicians and Surgeons to candidates for degrees which are not granted in other schools from improper and interested motives, yet they cannot forbear to observe that they have no doubt that the monstrous proportion between the pupils and graduates has given occasion to much severity of remark tending to the injury of its future usefulness, and although it would appear that a number of these graduates do not belong to this school, so far from tending to qualify these unpleasant remarks, is calculated to create a suspicion that these very students prefer the *lectures* of their own school to those of ours, but the *examination* of this College to that of their own.

Your committee cannot disguise the conviction that candidates are admitted and passed to the recommendation for *degrees* who are *not qualified* for the practice of physic and surgery; and also that the examinations, however impartial they may be (upon which subject they do not presume to pass an opinion), are, nevertheless, too slight, too superficial, and by much too short, to enable the Professors to acquire a full knowledge of the qualifications of candidates; *vide* appendix, papers marked C and E.

This opinion is so general, and the proofs on which it rests are so conclusive that, unless they are conducted with more *rigidity*, and unless the honor of degrees is made to depend on some other *data* than those which may be elicited by the scrutiny of a single hour, they are free to say the character of the profession, as far as it is connected with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, will be seriously implicated, and the institution itself will defeat the well founded expectations of a most liberal public, who have generously given it a credit in advance for the benefits which, if properly conducted, it is calculated to produce.

The committee have been much surprised to read in the circular of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, that sufficient qualifications to enable the candidate to sustain an examination was all that was required from the candidate for a degree, and they attribute all the dissatisfaction which prevails at present on the subject of degrees to this rule, which appears to have governed the Trustees in their distribution.

It did appear to them inconsistent that the Legislature should enact a law for the regulation of the practice of physic and sur-

gery, and present a four years term of study, etc., etc., to govern the different county societies, and yet permit the only institution in the State authorized to examine for degrees to evade or defeat the provisions of that act by granting diplomas to those who had not complied with a single provision in it. But upon information this apparent inconsistency vanished about the time of the passage of that act (April, 1818); the Regents of the University resolved that a term of study of four years without a collegiate education, or three years with that advantage, should be among the requirements preparatory to a degree.

It is difficult for your committee to conceive that a resolution like this should have been made by the Regents, and yet that the very persons for whose government it was passed should remain ignorant of it for so long a time. They were fully informed of it, however, by their Delegate to the State Society (who is also a Professor), when he returned from Albany about the middle of February, although it had no influence in changing their former mode of procedure, nor did it effect the number of candidates for graduation. Your committee considering that Trustees of the College had insisted on no other qualification, view with surprise the fact stated in appendix C, last article, viz., that a number of persons had been admitted to one examination only, and upon leaving their theses for inspection (which in all medical colleges with which your committee are acquainted are publicly defended), have left the city under a promise that the diplomas should be forwarded to them.

Upon a review of the whole subject matter of this report, which has already been more extended than necessary fully to substantiate the propriety of the resolution under which your committee were appointed, they unanimously recommend to the consideration and adoption of this Society the following *resolutions:*

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to recommend to the Regents to fill up the Board of Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons from physicians resident in this city.

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to recommend that the degree of Doctor of Medicine should be restricted to those persons who have attended lectures at least one season in some medical school of this State.

"*Resolved*, That it is highly improper to confer degrees (other than honorary) on absentees."

All which is most respectfully submitted by your committee.

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY.
SAM. OSBORN.
PETER C. TAPPEN.
STEPHEN D. BEEKMAN.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

A.

"NEW YORK, February, 1819.

"DEAR SIR—In consequence of some discontent which has for some time past prevailed among medical men in this city on the subject of medical education in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Society of this County appointed a committee to inquire into its causes, and to report to them, in order that they may take measures to correct evils if found to exist. The above fact will be my apology for addressing you, sir, whom I only know by reputation, on this subject, so interesting in its issues to the cause of medical science, and if a speedy answer to the following interrogatories can consist with the pressure of your professional avocations, I shall be happy to communicate it to the Society, and shall acknowledge it as a personal obligation:

"1st. What is the number of students who have attended the medical school at in the years 1815, '16, '17 and '18, distinguishing the years?

"2nd. What number have been graduated in each of those years as Doctors of Medicine?

"3d. What is the number of professors, the price of their tickets, and the fees of graduation?

"4th. What are the terms of graduation, both in reference to time of study and courses of attendance on lectures?

"5th. Whether or not the school is patronized by the Legislature of your State; and if patronized by the Legislature, in what manner, and to what extent?

"6th. Are any persons admitted to graduate who have not obtained the age of twenty-one years?

"I suppose that a simple reference to the *Album* will furnish much of the information requested, if so it will diminish a trouble which I wish should be as light as possible. If I can receive answer by Saturday or Monday next, it would be very acceptable.

"Please direct to me, 24 John Street.

"Yours sincerely,

"(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY."

B.

NEW YORK, March 2, 1819.

DEAR SIR—It was my intention before this time to have called upon you for the purpose of inspecting the Album of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with a view to report the number of students matriculated in the years 1815, '16, '17, '18

and '19, and also the number graduated in those years. The number for this year, I presume, is completed. Being at present confined to my house, I have to ask that you would furnish this information for the use of the Medical Society, to whom a committee, of which I am chairman, will report on Saturday next. If you have a copy of the rules and regulations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, you will oblige me by sending it, and it shall be returned when you require it.

The messenger will wait or not, as you direct.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY.

Dr. J. W. FRANCIS, *Registrar.*

To the above note Dr. Francis returned the following verbal answer:

"Tell Dr. Manley that the only answer I have to his note is, that I have no answer at all. I have no control over these things."

C.

"NEW YORK, January 26, 1819.

"SIR—I shall be happy to have all the information you can procure on the following points; you will procure authority for the information, but the authority is considered in your own keeping, for obvious reasons:

"1. Whether any persons have passed to the recommendation for degrees who were not twenty-one years of age, and if any, how many?

"2. Whether any whose term of study has been less than three years, and if any, how many?

"3. Whether any whose examinations have been confined to a minority of the Board of Examiners in consequence of their having attended the private examinations of Professors, who therefore waive the right of examining before Trustees?

"4. How many Trustees are usually present, who are they, and what proportion of the whole do Professors make?

"5. Whether there are any persons who have come from other schools (and what schools) to present themselves for examination in this, and the reasons therefor, as near as can be ascertained?

"6. Whether or not degrees have been conferred upon the recommendation of Trustees without examination?

"7. What is the expense of a degree, and to what purposes is the money applied?

"8. What is the price of the privilege of attending the private examinations of the Professors when the students are not strictly

speaking private pupils, and the reason usually offered by students for attending them?

"I shall be glad to hear from you some day.

"Yours sincerely,

"(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY.

SIR—The following are the answers to the queries in your note of the 22d ultimo:

1. Several persons, to my knowledge, have obtained degrees who were not of the age of 21 years; one who graduated last spring has not yet arrived at that age.

2. A considerable number, but it cannot be exactly ascertained how many. In the Circular of the University it is expressly mentioned that sufficient qualifications to undergo an examination are all that are necessary.

3. This question cannot be answered; but several Professors, when their own pupils have presented themselves for examination, have said they were satisfied, and that it was not necessary to examine them. This season, however, I understand that the Professors examine their pupils more severely than before.

4. There are seldom more than two Trustees present at the second examination, called the examination before the Trustees.

5. Last season, and the students have come from the medical schools at Philadelphia, but how many cannot be ascertained; it is said the Professors refused to examine some that came from Philadelphia *last* spring; the reason for their applying to this school was generally supposed to be the greater ease of obtaining their degrees here, the examinations not being so *severe* here as at the former place.

6. None to my knowledge.

7. Thirty dollars; the money is appropriated to defray the expenses of the College.

I think that the reason why so many have been examined this season is, that the Professors, each of them, have been obliged to advance a sum of money from their own pocket to liquidate a debt of the College, and that they propose to refund it by the fees of candidates for degrees.

8. I think that McNeven, Hosack, and Mott, have each 50 dollars, the pupils being admitted to their lectures free of other expense. Dr. Post does not receive any winter students; the reason given by the students is, that it insures a *successful examination*; scarcely any of the students who have been examined this season (who do not reside in this city) have ever attended lectures before.

I remain etc., yours,

March 1, 1819. B. B.

Dr. J. R. MANLEY.

Mr. S. informs that a considerable number of students have gone home expecting to have their diplomas forwarded to them, who have had but one examination before Professors.

D.

Mr. D. informs that he, in company with a Mr. C., who wished to procure a ticket for the Practice of Physic only, waited upon Dr. Hosack for that purpose, who, although he was offered 20 dollars for it, refused to grant it; that afterwards the father of Mr. C. called upon Dr. H. with the same object, and stated the reasons why he wished that his son should have the separate ticket; it was to no purpose; the ticket was refused; the pupil left the school.

Dr. S. informs that Mr. B., of Jersey, applied for a separate ticket upon the same terms; he could not procure it, and left the school.

Dr. T. informs that Dr. Hosack did afterwards divide his tickets, and when the whole course was given for $25, as was the case of the last session, he paid for the Practice of Physic ticket $20; those who took out the Obstetric ticket alone, paid 10 dollars.

Mr. B. O. informs that he applied for a separate ticket for Midwifery; at first it was refused, but afterwards granted, he paying 15 dollars therefor.

Dr. ——— informs that, at the commencement of the session, he called upon Dr. Hosack in company with a friend, who wished to purchase his ticket for the Theory and Practice of Medicine only; that the Dr. observed that he was the first out of fifty, or upwards, who had not taken a full ticket; his friend fearing the ill will of the Doctor, a few days afterward purchased his ticket for Midwifery.

E.

Dr. ——— informed the chairman of this committee that a gentleman called at his office a few days since to consult him on the manner proper to be adopted in further prosecuting his medical studies. He stated that he had read medicine one year only, but not with a regular physician; that, from considerations of a private nature, it was necessary that he should finish his education as soon as was consistent with propriety. The young man was advised by all means to continue his studies under the direction of some respectable physician, where he could have the benefit of deriving some practical knowledge for at least *two years* longer; he assented to the propriety of the advice, and was on the point of engaging himself with a very respectable physician, but postponed any definite arrangement, purposing

to call in a few days; in the meantime, hearing that a certain gentleman had presented himself for examination for a degree and passed, he changes his mind, and believing himself as fully qualified as he who had just passed, he offers himself a candidate for a degree, presents himself for examination, and *is admitted.*

N. B.—The examination of this gentleman detained the Professors about fifteen minutes. Three Professors were present, of whom two examined.

Extra Meeting of the Society, held at the Mayor's office, Jan'y 19, 1820.

Present—Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, Dr. John Watts, Jr., Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. S. D. Beekman, Dr. J. Neilson, Dr. J. Bayley, Dr. J. R. Manley, Dr. S. Osborn, Dr. C. Drake, Dr. L. Spalding, Dr. F. Pascalis, Dr. A. H. Stevens, Dr. A. W. Ives, Dr. J. Stearns, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. J. Wagner, Dr. J. C. Cheesman, Dr. W. Stillwell, Dr. N. Brush, Jr., Dr. J. Harriot, Dr. J. B. Beck, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. C. C. Blachley, Dr. E. S. Blachley, Dr. D. Dayton, Dr. J. D. Jacques, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. F. Ferris, Dr. W. Quitman, Dr. J. Phelps, Dr. T. Boyd, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. P. C. Tappan, Dr. B. P. Kissam.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A request signed by eleven members, and an order thereupon for the calling of this meeting, was read, together with the following letter from the Delegate to the State Medical Society:

"PEARL STREET, Jan'y 19, 1820.

"DEAR SIR—I beg leave respectfully to tender to you and to the Medical Society, my office as Delegate, being well satisfied, after mature consideration, that even at this late period many fellow members can with equal zeal, and may more successfully promote the honor of our Society and our profession.

"With great respect, I remain,

"D'r Sir, your humble, obdt. serv't,

"(Signed) FELIX PASCALIS.

"To the Pres't of the N. Y. County Med. Soc'y."

On motion—

Resolved, That the resignation of the Delegate be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of a Delegate to the State Medical Society.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Smith and Anderson inspectors of the election, who declared Dr. James R. Manley, by a majority of votes, elected.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to Dr. Felix Pascalis, late Delegate of this Society to the State Medical Society, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Whereupon the President communicated to Dr. Pascalis the unanimous resolution of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to cause twelve impressions, taken on parchment, from the Society's plate for honorary members.

The committee appointed to cause the statute against illegal practitioners of medicine to be enforced, reported verbally, and were discharged.

On motion of Dr. Stevens, it was

Resolved, That the Society consider it an object of great importance that the cabinet of Mineralogy, the property of the late Benjamin De Witt, M.D., should be retained in this city, and that the Delegate and the Commissioner govern himself accordingly.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a screw adapted to the seal of the Society, for the purpose of making impressions thereof.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the Mayor's office, March 13, 1820.

Present—J. R. B. Rodgers, Wm. J. McNeven, J. Anderson, A. H. Stevens, J. Phelps, H. M. Van Solingen, S. Osborn, J. B. Beck, J. Neilson, A. W. Ives, Thos. Cock, G. A. Cooper, L. Spalding, P. S. Townsend, J. Clark, F. Pascalis, F. Cooper,

C. C. Blachley, J. K. Rodgers, P. C. Tappan, J. R. Manley, G. Smith, J. D. Jacques, B. P. Kissam.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. Cock and Stevens (at the request of Dr. Watts) reported satisfactory credentials of the following gentlemen, who were then balloted for, and elected ordinary members: Thos. Van Beuren, Peter Helm, M.D., John W. Sterling, M.D., Samuel Akerley, Joseph M. Smith, M.D., Jacob Dyckman, M.D., James Cockroft, M.D., Stephen D. Roe, M.D., James Seaman, M.D., John J. Howe.

The credentials of Rich'd Seaman, Wm. Swift, and E. G. Dunnell, were not reported, and Dr. Watts was again requested to report thereon at the next meeting.

The Delegate to the State Medical Society presented the following report, which was ordered to be recorded:

No. 309 GREENWICH STREET, N. York.

DEAR SIR—I have the pleasure of stating to you for the information of the Medical Society the following abstract of the proceedings of the State Medical Society at their late session at Albany:

The letter of instructions with which I was charged as Delegate was presented, read, and referred to a committee, who reported favourably on the subject matter, but declined to press the recommendations therein contained, urging as a reason that the time had not arrived which would render a *uniform* as well as extensive course of medical reading convenient to the students of the different medical societies throughout the State. The report was accepted. That part of the letter which related to the examination of candidates for the medical license in the State Society had already been adopted.

The business before the State Medical Society which created most interest, and engrossed most of their attention, was the condition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, as developed in the two reports on that subject made to this Society during the past year, and by them accepted. Those reports, and much of the evidence on which they rested, were laid before them, and together with the report of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the letters of the President and Secretary of this Society on the same subject, were referred to a very large and respectable committee, who, after mature deliberation, made a report of which the following is a copy.* The

* See printed reports.

report and resolutions are obviously in accordance with the wishes of this Society, as expressed in their memorial to the Regents of the University, and were unanimously adopted.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES R. MANLEY.

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, M.D., *President.*

The following letter was received from Dr. Jos. Bayley, which was ordered to lie on the table until the next anniversary meeting.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17, 1820.

DEAR SIR—As my public duties will soon require my absence from the city for the greater part of the year, it will not be in my power to perform the trust the Medical Society of this County have confided to me as one as their Censors, I therefore beg leave to resign this appointment, and, at the same time, permit me, sir, through you, their President, to tender to the Society my acknowledgments for that mark of their confidence.

I remain with great esteem and respect,

Yours,

JOS. BAYLEY.

Dr. J. R. B. RODGERS, *Pres't of the Med'l Soc'y of the County New York.*

The following gentlemen were proposed ordinary members of this Society:

A. P. Hunter, C. E. Dupuy, D. W. Kissam, John Torry; their credentials to be reported to the Society by Dr. Cock.

Sam'l T. Kuypers, Otho Monroy; their credentials to be reported to the Society by Dr. Stevens.

Louis Valentine, M.D., an honorary member of this Society, presented through Dr. Pascalis the two following volumes, entitled: "Mémoire sur les Fluxions de Poitrine."

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to L. Valentine, M.D. (the author), for his donation.

The committee on the late epidemic reported progress, and were requested to report in full at the next Stated Meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the consideration of choosing an orator be and is hereby indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Pascalis proposed Hippolitis Cloquet, M.D., Professor,

etc., and editor of the Journal of Medicine, of Paris, an honorary member.

Moved—

That a committee be appointed to receive the By-Laws, and to report thereon at the next anniversary meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the consideration of the above motion be postponed.

Dr. A. H. Stevens read an interesting case of a Tumour on the right side of the neck, which was successfully removed by him; it weighed three and one half pounds.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Comitia Minora.

Dr. Thos. Cock read an interesting paper of a case similar to Hydrocephalus, which was cured.

On motion—

Resolved, That this case be referred to the Comitia Minora.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held at the Mayor's office on the eighth day of May, 1820.

Present—John R. B. Rodgers, President; Dr. Post, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Barrowe, Dr. Cock, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Bliss, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Wood, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Drake, Dr. Beck, Dr. Dering, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Ives, Dr. Wright, Dr. Delafield, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Ackerly, Dr. C. C. Blachley, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Watts, Dr. Manley, Dr. Brush, Dr. Douglass, Dr. Dayton.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Satisfactory credentials of the following gentlemen were reported, who were then balloted for and elected ordinary members: Abraham T. Hunter, M.D., Cornelius E. Dupuy, M.D., Daniel W. Kissam, M.D., John Torrey, M.D., William Swift, M.D., Samuel S. Kuypers, Richard Seaman, E. G. Dunnell.

Dr. Stevens reported Dr. Otho Murray (who was proposed

at the last meeting) to have changed his place of residence, and asked permission to report upon his credentials at the next Stated Meeting.

Drs. Andrew Buckham, and D. L. M. Peixotto, were proposed as ordinary members. Dr. Cock was requested to report on their credentials.

Hippolitus Cloquet, M.D., and Prof., &c., was elected an honorary member.

The committee appointed on the eighth day of November last, to inquire into the character, origin, and nature of the late epidemic which prevailed in this city, reported.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Resolved, That the report be referred to the Comitia Minora.

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora report to this Society their decision thereon.

The committee to whom was entrusted the business of forwarding the memorial of this Society to the honorable the Regents of the University, in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded:

The committee appointed to accomplish the views of the Medical Society of the County of New York, in relation to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, respectfully submit to the Society the following report:

The committee having maturely considered the important objects of their appointment, and the many disadvantages to which their measures would be exposed by distant communication, the authorities with whom they had to treat in the progress of the business, determined, at an early stage of it, to send a Commissioner to Albany. Personal communication with the Regents of the University, it was thought, would enable them more fully to represent the circumstances which had induced the Society to remonstrate against the abuses that had occurred in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. To give still greater weight to the representations of the Society, they associated with that Commissioner the Delegate to the State Society, and the President of that Society, who were about to visit Albany in the discharge of their official duties.

The Society are already in possession of the sentiments and proceedings of the State Medical Society on this subject, as embraced in the report of their Delegate, submitted at the last meeting of this Society.

On the arrival of the Commissioners in Albany they entered with zeal and alacrity upon the business confided to their care, and immediately approached the Regents with the subjects of their mission. The reports of a committee of this Society on the subject of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the memorial of the Society to the Regents praying for a reform of the College, and the reports of physicians of this city not yet associated with this Society, were severally laid before the Board of Regents at their first meeting after the arrival of the Commissioners in Albany.

These papers, together with sundry documents from the College, were referred to a Committee of the Regents. With that committee the Commissioners obtained a personal conference in the presence of the Commissioner from the College and a learned counsellor, a Trustee of the College. The representatives of the Commissioners from this Society were heard with respect and attention, and feelings of surprise and indignation were expressed at the conduct of the College. It was, however, suggested that, notwithstanding the statements in the report might be well founded, and the verbal representations of the Commissioners be strictly correct, yet the Regents could not consistently or with propriety act upon the same until they were submitted to them in a formal and specific manner. The Commissioners therefore, after mature deliberation, determined that one of their number should return to New York for the purpose of reporting to the committee, and of consulting on the necessary measures for preparing and preferring the charges against the College, and for obtaining the evidence in support of them. As all the matter of the required charges and specifications were contained in the several reports read before this Society, the committee did not deem it advisable to hazard anything by the delay necessary for convening a meeting of the Society, but immediately proceeded to exhibit the charges with such proof as could then be obtained in support of them. These charges were forwarded to the Regents, and a copy of them were served upon the College.

The representations of the Medical Society had by this time excited a degree of attention and solicitude on the part of the Regents that appeared to jeopardize the existence of an establishment which this Society were desirous only to reform. The inability, however, of the other Commissioners to remain while this subject was pending with the Regents, left that body with-

out any means of ascertaining the correctness of the many statements which were made to them, or of perceiving the numerous misrepresentations that reached them through the friends of the College, who continued in Albany for the express purpose of counteracting the reform contemplated by the Medical Society. Repeated impeachments of the motives that actuated the members of this Society, and loose refutations of the charges exhibited against the College, together probably with much personal solicitation and importunity on the part of its agents, and the abundant sophistry of its learned counsel, appear at this period of the transactions to have produced in the minds of the Regents, naturally alive to the objects of their peculiar case, a settled conviction that the Medical Society, in their corporate capacity, can have no cognizance of a school the government of which the Regents assume as their exclusive prerogative.

About this time another memorial was forwarded to the Regents of the University, signed by more than one hundred of the most respectable physicians of this city, stating that the evils and abuses that had occurred in the College was owing to the Professors exercising the duties of Trustees, and praying for the separation of their respective functions. The sentiments of so large a portion of the medical community it was thought would have received the consideration and attention which they claimed from the Regents; but the numerous and plausible statements which were made to them of the great pecuniary interest which the Professors had in the funds and property in the College, of the management of which it would be unjust altogether to deprive the Professors, appears to have created the only obstacle to their removal, in conformity with the views of the profession; still the Regents were desirous to place a controlling power over the Professors. The College, aware of the nature of this power, and the possible pliability of its character and influence, had recommended to the Regents a list of names for their acceptance.

Foreseeing that the expectations of this Society would probably be disappointed unless some further and vigorous measures were adopted, the committee determined upon sending another Commissioner to the Regents.

This step appeared the more necessary because it was apprehended that, in the absence of a representation from this Society, the Regents might be induced to place the College upon a footing calculated to establish rather than remove its evils. A report was actually prepared which, if it had been submitted to the Regents and adopted, would have defeated the salutary measures of this Society, and perpetuated the abuses of the College. This report was delayed by the Regents in conse-

quence of the expected arrival of a second Commissioner from the Medical Society.

Soon after the arrival of the second Commissioners of the Medical Society in Albany, they were furnished with the answers which had been made by the College to the charges preferred against them by the Society—the one consisting of assertions, vague denials, flimsy refutations; the other a tissue sophistry, a studied recrimination and impeachment of the motives of the Society. The Regents had also received certain other documents from the Professors of the College, one of them recommending changes in the Professorships, the abolishing of some of them, and the erection of new ones, and also the establishing the uniform fee of twenty dollars for each Professor; the other proposing to the Regents not to select medical men to fill all the existing vacancies, but to make a mixed Board of Trustees, so that it should consist chiefly of professors, clergymen, lawyers, and others. With the distribution of Professorships the Commissioners conceived they had no concern, and were therefore silent on the subject. They could not, however, refrain from remonstrating very strongly against the impropriety and injustice of placing the College under the superintendence of persons out of the profession, who were incompetent to discharge the duties of a station from whence prevention and correction should be derived to the evils and abuses hereafter, and especially as this Society and the medical profession generally had shown so deep an interest in its reform.

The Commissioners were the more strenuous to oppose this project of the College because the recommendation of the Professors was coupled with illiberal, abusive and intemperate epithets towards the Society. The Regents, however, so far from sanctioning this document, expressed their most decided disapprobation, and regretted that such language should come from a literary institution.

The Regents felt and acknowledged the propriety of placing a controlling power over the Professors, and hesitated not in saying, if the College were now to be remodelled, they should studiously exclude the Professors from the Board of Trustees; they were satisfied that the union of the governing and teaching departments of the College was wrong in the abstract; that it had not answered their original views in so organizing the College, as a solitary exception among the literary institutions of the State, and that in practice it had been found productive of evils and abuses that now called loudly for revision and reform. A technical defect in the documentary testimony forwarded by the Society to the Regents was pointed out and maintained as a sufficient reason for not proceeding against the

College as a corporate body, the evidence against which, to be valid, must be sworn to by the several persons who had furnished it. The evidence, moreover, was considered as inculpating individuals, and not criminating the college. Had the testimony been furnished under oath, and the advice of legal counsel been obtained in aid of the designs of this Society, the Regents would probably have yielded to the disposition evinced by many of their board to displace all the Professors from their offices as Trustees (but the Regents themselves had given the Commissioners to understand that certificatory evidence only would be required), a large minority being in favour either of removing them altogether, or of displacing them biennially in pairs. This disposition, however, was overcome by the peculiar view taken of the testimony, it being considered merely as the allegations of the party who had preferred the charges against the College, and that party could not be recognized in its corporate capacity by the Regents. Notwithstanding this fastidious measure of delicacy towards the Professors, and an unwarrantable inclination to palliate the abuses which had occurred in the College, the Regents, as a matter of duty and necessity, have extended to the public that which they could not with justice withhold, but were unwilling to avow it as a matter of right to the profession.

At a recent meeting of the Regents the number of Trustees was increased to twenty-five, and the vacancies in the board were filled entirely with medical men. The Professors were allowed to hold the office of Trustee for the present only, but can never constitute a majority of a quorum for the transaction of any business. On the removal, death, or resignation of the Professors, their successors will be disqualified from becoming Trustees.

The Professorships in the College having been altered, and some of them abolished, are now arranged agreeably to the following order: David Hosack, M.D., Professor of the Institutes and Practice of Physic; Samuel L. Mitchell, M.D., Professor of Botany and Materia Medica; William James McNeven, M.D., Professor of Chemistry; Wright Post, M.D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology; William Hamersley, M.D., Professor of the Clinical Practice of Physic; Valentine Mott, M.D., Professor of the Principles and Practice of Surgery; John W. Francis, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children. Wright Post, M.D., is appointed Vice-President in the room of the late Dr. Dewitt.

The Board of Trustees has been filled up with the following physicians: William Moore, M.D., John Stearns, M.D., John R. B. Rodgers, M.D., Samuel Borrowe, M.D., Richard Kissam, M.D., Joseph Bayley, M.D., Henry M. Van Solingen, M.D.,

Hugh McLean, M.D., John Watts, Jun., M.D., Charles Drake, M.D., Nicoll H. Dering, M.D., Alexander H. Stevens, M.D., and Doctor Anthony L. Anderson.

The Regents also reduced the expenses of medical education, and have established the following fees: a matriculation fee of five dollars; a graduation fee of twenty-five dollars, of which five is to be paid to the President; and the fee for any course of lectures cannot exceed fifteen dollars.

The Regents also appointed a select committee, consisting of Judge Yates, General Clarkson, Colonel Rutgers, Mr. Van Beuren, and Mr. Wm. A. Duer, to visit the College in the recess of the Legislature.

The documentary evidence sent by the committee to the Regents, as also the several papers presented by the College, will be laid before the Society as soon as they can be arranged.

Subjoined is an account of the expenses incurred by the Medical Society in the prosecution of the College reform entrusted to the committee, amounting altogether to two hundred and twenty dollars:

To Dr. Manley for the expense of copying the reports -	$19.00
Dr. Tappan " " " two reports	5.00
Dr. Ives " " " one report -	12.00
Dr. Manley for postage - - - - - - -	2.50
Dr. Drake for first mission to Albany - - -	47.00
Dr. Drake for second " " - - -	53.00
Dr. Stearns for mission to Albany - - - -	25.00
Dr. Watts for mission to Albany and postage -	56.50
	$220.00

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WATTS, Jun'r, *Chairman.*
SAMUEL OSBORN.
CHARLES DRAKE.
JAMES R. MANLEY.
GILBERT SMITH.
BENJ. P. KISSAM.
JOHN C. CHEESMAN.
THOMAS COCK.
PETER C. TAPPAN.
JOHN B. BECK.
ANSEL W. IVES.

Dr. Rodgers, the President, left the chair, and the Vice-President, Dr. Hamersley, took it.

Dr. Rodgers addressed the chair, stating that the first resolution of the fifth page of the Transactions of the State Medical Society, published at Albany in February last, was incorrect,

and requested the Delegate from this Society to the State Medical Society be directed to have it amended at their next meeting.

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society, held July 3rd, 1820.

Present—Dr. John R. B. Rodgers, Dr. Thomas Cock, Dr. Felix Pascalis, Dr. Wm. Stillwell, Dr. L. Spalding, Dr. J. Neilson, Dr. C. Drake, Dr. S. Osborn, Dr. T. W. Hunter, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. J. Wood, Dr. J. C. Cheesman, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. P. C. Tappan, Dr. J. C. Strouble, Dr. J. R. Manley, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. F. T. Ferris, Dr. H. M. Van Solingen, Dr. S. Ackerly, Dr. S. D. Beekman, Dr. J. J. Howe, Dr. J. B. Beck, Dr. J. W. Sterling, Dr. A. W. Ives, Dr. J. Dyckman, Dr. J. L. Phelps, Dr. J. C. Bliss, Dr. P. B. Helme, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. S. Macauley, Dr. Wm. Hamersley, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. S. Blatchley, Dr. S. Warren, Dr. A. Wright, Dr. D. Dayton, and Dr. Jacques.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Minutes of the Comitia Minora read and approved.

The Society then proceeded to the election of its charter officers, which being duly held, the following report was made:

We, the undersigned, inspectors of the election of charter officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

JOHN R. B. RODGERS, M.D., *President.*
GILBERT SMITH, *Vice-President.*
ANDREW ANDERSON, M.D., *Treasurer.*
PETER C. TAPPAN, *Secretary.*
FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., *Corresponding Secretary.*
JOHN B. BECK, M.D.,
JOHN C. CHEESMAN, M.D.,
JOHN WATTS, Jun'r, M.D.,
SAM'L OSBORNE, M.D.,
ANSEL W. IVES, M.D., } *Censors.*

(Signed) JOHN B. BECK, } *Inspectors.*
JOHN NEILSON, }

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Whereupon Drs. Spalding and Anderson were nominated for that purpose.

Sundry accounts were presented, read, and ordered to be paid; among others, one from the committee on the College amounting to two hundred and twenty dollars.

The President retired, and Censor Osborne took the chair. The following report from the Secretary was read:

In compliance with the 5th article of the 12th chap. of the By-Laws, the Secretary reports the following persons as having neglected to sign the By-Laws of this Society, viz.: Jacob De La Mater, elected Jan'y 6th, 1817; Joseph R. Drake, elected Jan'y, 1818; Stephen D. Roe, elected March, 1820; John Torrey, elected May, 1820; E. G. Dunnell, elected May, 1820.

The report of the Comita Minora on the subject of the late epidemic was read.

On motion—

Resolved, That the further consideration of this subject be postponed.

The resolution of Dr. Ives, which was made in December last, and postponed for consideration at this meeting, was withdrawn.

On motion—

Resolved, That all papers read before this Society shall be considered its exclusive property, and not to be used for any purpose without the consent of the Comitia Minora.

The report of Dr. Cock on the credentials of Drs. Buckham and Peixotto was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be directed respectfully to request of the Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons the use of their room for the meetings of this Society.

Dr. C. C. Blatchly presented a paper on Angina Pectoris, which was referred to the Comitia Minora.

On motion—

Resolved, That the diploma for honorary members be altered so as also to be signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held September 11th, 1820.

Present—Dr. Wm. Moore, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Cock. Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Spalding, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Wood, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Drake, Dr. Helme, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Manley, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Watts, Jr., Dr. Piatt, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Dering, Dr. McNeven, Dr. D. W. Kissam, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Tappan, Dr. R. Seaman.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Cock reported that the credentials of Drs. Buckham and Peixotto were satisfactory. Whereupon they were balloted for and duly elected.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, presented the following report:

"NEW YORK, 8th July, 1820.

"We, the subscribers, a committee from the New York County Medical Society, have this day examined the accounts of Dr. Henry M. Van Solingen, late Treasurer of the Society, and find them well vouched and right cast, and that there is in his hands seven shares of Mechanic Bank stock which cost $203, and also ninety one dollars and fifty-one cents.

"(Signed) L. SPALDING,
"AND'W ANDERSON, } *Committee.*"

On motion—

Resolved, That the above report be accepted.

The Vice-President laid before the Society a letter from the President tendering his resignation, which letter was ordered to be recorded, and is as follows:

"NEW YORK, Aug. 14th, 1820.

"SIR—My present situation prevents me from performing all the duties of President of the Medical Society of the County of New York, I am therefore induced to resign that appointment. When I do this, it is with sentiments of the warmest gratitude for the many proofs which the Society has given me of their attention and confidence. Be pleased to present this resignation of the office of President of the Medical Society of the County of New York at their next meeting.

"With every sentiment of the profoundest respect and esteem,

I have the honor to be yours and the Society's most obedient humble servant,

"(Signed) JOHN R. B. RODGERS.

"Dr. GILBERT SMITH,
Vice-President Med. Soc'y, County N. Y."

On motion of Dr. Osborn—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the President by the Vice-President and Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Med. Soc'y of New Orleans on the epidemic Yellow Fever of 1819.

On motion of Dr. Watts—

Resolved, That the above paper be given to the editors of the *Medical Repository* for publication.

On motion of Dr. Moore—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the author by the Corresponding Secretary.

A motion was made by Dr. Hamersley that the report of the committee of this Society on the Yellow Fever of 1819 be published, which, after some discussion, was negatived.

On motion of Dr. Pascalis—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Attorney of the Corporation, and to solicit from the Commissioners of the Poor, at the request of this institution, the appointment by them of a secondary agent or officer necessary for the enforcement of the law against unlicensed practitioners, provided the same be compensated from the monies or fines arising from the prosecution.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis and Osborn were appointed a committee.

Drs. Alex'r Clinton, Hugh Sweeny and James Covel were proposed as members of this Society, and Censor Cheesman was directed to examine the credentials of Dr. Clinton, Censor Beck those of Dr. Sweeny, and Censor Ives those of Dr. Covel. Dr. Stevens not being prepared to report on the credentials of Dr. Otho Monroy, the duty was assigned to Censor Osborn at the next meeting.

Society adjourned.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 2nd, 1820.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. S. Osborn, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Hosack, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Hooper, Dr. Cock, Dr. Watts, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Anderson, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Manley, Dr. Drake, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Barrowe, and fifteen other members.

The Secretary being absent from the city, Dr. Pascalis officiated as Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of seven persons be appointed to inquire into the causes and character of the disease prevailing in Banker Street and its vicinity.

Whereupon Drs. Sam'l Osborn, John Watts, Jun'r, Felix Pascalis, Thos. Cock, Ansel W. Ives, Charles Drake and John Neilson were appointed that committee.

Resolved, That this committee report to the Society at the the next ensuing Stated Meeting.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Nov. 13th, 1820.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Neilson, Dr. Cock, Dr. Ackerly, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Wright, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Dyckman, Dr. Dering, Dr. Ives, Dr. Howe, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Spalding, Dr. Bayley, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Swift, Dr. Stearns, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Beck, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Barrowe, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Helme, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Van Beuren, Dr. Phelps, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. Drake, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Manley.

Minutes of two last meetings read and approved.

Drs. Clinton, Sweeny and Monroy having been nominated at the last Stated Meeting as candidates for members of this Society, and the several Censors appointed to examine the documents and testimonials relative to their qualifications having reported satisfactorily, they were balloted for and duly elected.

Drs. John Baxter, Stephen Brown, James M. Pendleton and Francis E. Berger were nominated as candidates for members of this Society, and Censor Cheesman was appointed to examine the testimonials of Dr. Baxter, Censor Ives those of Dr. Brown, Censor Watts those of Dr. Pendleton, and Censor Beck those of Dr. Berger.

The committee appointed to confer with the Attorney of the Corporation, reported that they had received from him a resolution of the Commissioners of the Poor in the following words:

"NEW YORK, 29th Sept., 1820.

"At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Alms House held this day, it was agreed that such person as may be appointed by the Medical Society of the City and County of New York to carry into effect the laws of the State regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery, shall be reasonably compensated for his services out of such penalties as may be received by said Commissioners for infractions of the said law.

"By order of the Board of Commissioners of the Alms House, &c.

"(Signed) I. S. ABELL."

Which report, on motion of Dr. Pascalis, was accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That Mr. McCormick be appointed the agent of this Society to carry into effect the law of the State relative to the Practice of Physic and Surgery.

The committee appointed to enquire into the causes and character of the disease which prevailed in Bancker Street and its vicinity, reported.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the vote for accepting the report be reconsidered.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report lie on the table one fortnight, and that the Society adjourn to meet the 27th of the present month, for the special purpose of considering the report.

Society adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Nov. 27th, 1820.

Present—Dr. Osborn, Dr. Stearns, Dr. De Puy, Dr. Dayton, Dr. E. S. Blatchley, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Cock, Dr. Manley, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Drake, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Ives, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Helme, Dr. Bliss, Dr. Beck, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Peixotto, Dr. Dering, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Swift, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Watts, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Dyckman, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Howe, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Piatt, Dr. Tappan.

The Vice-President being absent, Censor Beck took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the causes and character of the disease which prevailed in Bancker Street and its vicinity, was read by the chairman of the committee.

Dr. Beck having retired from the chair, Censor Cheesman took it.

The report was then considered, and after some discussion and amendment,

On motion of Dr. Stevens—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

A division being called for by Dr. Bayley, the ayes and noes were as follows:

Ayes—Drs. Osborn, Pascalis, Ives, J. M. Smith, Swift, Dayton, Sterling, C. C. Blatchley, Helme, Watts, Hamersley, Cock, Phelps, Manley, Stillwell, Sweeney, Howe, Drake, Stevens, Anderson, Piatt, Tappan—22.

Noes—Drs. Bayley, E. S. Blatchley, Beck, Dyckman—4.

On motion of Dr. Manley—

Resolved, That the report be published, and that Dr. Osborn, the chairman of the committee on the above report, and Drs. Pascalis and Tappan, the Secretaries of the Society, be a committee to superintend the publication thereof.

Society adjourned.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held December 12th, 1820.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Beck, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Monroy, Dr. T. W. Hunter, Dr. Buckham, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Clinton, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Torbert, Dr. Peixotto, Dr. Watts, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Warren, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Neilson, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Helme, Dr. Dering, Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Ives, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Drake, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Howe, Dr. McKnight, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Wright, Dr. Dyckman, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Cock, Dr. Brush, Dr. R. Seaman, Dr. Piatt, Dr. Dayton, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Manley, Dr. F. Cooper.

The following request was then read:

"*To* Dr. GILBERT SMITH, *Vice-President of the Medical Society of the County of New York.*

"SIR—You are requested to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of N. Y., to be held on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the College Hall, in Barclay Street.

"(Signed) DAVID HOSACK.
"WM. J. MCNEVEN.
"J. KEARNEY RODGERS.
"JOSEPH BAYLEY.
"JACOB DYCKMAN.
"JOHN B. BECK.
"FAYETTE COOPER.
"D. L. M. PEIXOTTO.
"GERARDUS A. COOPER.
"JOHN W. FRANCIS.
"PETER S. TOWNSEND.

"NEW YORK, Dec. 6th, 1820."

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed to superintend the publication of the report presented to this Society by the committee appointed in October last, "to enquire into the causes and character of the disease prevailing in Bancker Street and its vicinity," was read, and is as follows, viz.:

"Your committee appointed, at the last meeting of this Society, request to state that necessary economy in regard to your funds has delayed the publication of the report confided to their superintendence. They now beg leave to report that a contract has been entered into for the printing the report on terms unprecentedly low, and by which the Society is to be furnished with

150 copies for distribution, and the privilege (if more should be required) of 33⅓ per ct. discount from the retail price. James V. Seaman, bookseller, is the person with whom your committee has contracted, and herewith is submitted a specimen of the work.

"(Signed) SAM. OSBORN,
Chairman of Committee of the Medical Society of County of N. York for publishing report on fever of Bancker Street and vicinity.

"Dec'r 12th, 1820."

On motion of Dr. Cock—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

On motion of Dr. Drake—

Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

A motion was made by Dr. Townsend, and seconded by Dr. Beck, that the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the causes and character of the disease prevailing in Bancker Street and its vicinity be reconsidered, which was decided in the negative. A division being called for, the ayes and noes were as follows:

Ayes—Drs. G. A. Cooper, F. Cooper, Beck, Townsend, Dyckman, J. K. Rodgers, Jacques, Peixotto, Warren, C. C. Blatchley.—10.

Noes—Drs. Osborn, Pascalis, Neilson, Cock, T. W. Hunter, Dayton, Sterling, Drake, Watts, Cheesman, Stillwell, Phelps, Monroy, Dering, Anderson, Howe, Helme, R. Seaman, McNeven, Ives, Manley, Wright, Onderdonk, Brush, Sweeney, Torbet and Tappan—27.

On motion of Dr. G. A. Cooper—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to instruct the Delegate.

On motion of Dr. Cock—

Resolved, That this committee consist of three.

Whereupon Drs. M. Knight, G. Cooper and Beck were appointed that committee.

On motion of Dr. Osborn—

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish each of the members of

the Society, and also the Mayor and other members of the Board of Health, with a printed copy of the report on Bancker Street fever.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held January 8th, 1821.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Clark, Dr. McKnight, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Neilson, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Beck, Dr. Monroy, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Dering, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Cock, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Howe, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. Drake, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Ferris, Dr. Manley, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Helme, Dr. Tappan.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The committee to instruct the Delegate, appointed at the last meeting, made the following report:

The committee appointed to prepare instructions for the Delegate to the State Medical Society, recommend that your Delegate be charged with the following directions:

1st. That your Delegate be instructed to propose to the State Medical Society that it should petition the Legislature for the passage of an act exempting members of the medical profession from the performance of military and jury duties.

The propriety of such a measure appears so obvious to your committee that they can entertain no doubts of its meeting with a friendly reception from the Society, and approbation from the Legislature. The Delegate will of course make such representations in favor of an alteration of the existing law on this subject as he in his judgment may think advisible.

2nd. Your committee think it expedient that your Delegate be directed to suggest also to the State Society the utility of establishing annual prize questions. The only objection that can possibly arise against such a proposition is the expense attending the regulation; however, when it is remembered that the expense will not exceed fifty or one hundred dollars a year, which, compared with the advantages that will result from it, not only to the medical profession but to the community at large, the objection will vanish from the mind of every enlightened and philanthropic physician. Your committee con-

sider this a subject of much importance, and they would urge it upon the particular consideration of this Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your deliberation.

(Signed) J. M. SCOTT MCKNIGHT, *Chairman.*
GERARDUS A. COOPER.
JOHN B. BECK.

NEW YORK, Jan'y 5th, 1821.

On motion—

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

On motion of Dr. J. K. Rodgers—

Resolved, That the Delegate be further instructed to this effect: That no physician or surgeon coming from a State or County where a license or degree of this State is not recognized, be admitted as a practitioner without an examination before one of the regularly constituted medical societies of this State.

The Censors appointed at the last Stated Meeting to examine into the testimonials of the qualifications of Drs. Berger, Baxter and Pendleton having reported satisfactorily, they were balloted for and unanimously elected. Censor Ives not having reported, the election of Dr. Brown was postponed.

Dr. Wm. F. Seaman was nominated as a member of this Society, and Censor Cheesman was directed to examine the testimonials of his qualifications.

On motion of Dr. Helme—

Resolved, That fifty copies of the report of the committee on Banker Street fever be purchased, and that twenty copies be delivered to the Delegate to the State Society, to be distributed by him in Albany.

On motion of Dr. Drake—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange the documents furnished the committee on the Banker Street fever, and to lay them before the Society at the next meeting.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis, Neilson and Cock were appointed that committee.

The Secretary reported that the plate for diplomas for honorary members has been altered, agreeably to the directions of the Society, and presented a specimen of the impression.

On motion of Dr. Pascalis—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to cause twenty-five copies to be printed on parchment for the use of the Society.

The Treasurer having represented to the Society that large sums of money were due the Society, which it was impossible for him to collect without the aid of the Society,

On motion of Dr. Pascalis—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ legal and compulsory means to collect the debts due the Society.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 12th, 1821.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Beck, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Manley, Dr. Wright, Dr. Wm. Moore, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Monroy, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Wood, Dr. A. T. Hunter, Dr. Anderson, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Lord, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. D. W. Kissam, Dr. Drake, Dr. Neilson, Dr. Dyckman, Dr. Watts, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Tappan.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Certain documents were presented stating that William Hibbard, John S. Bowrow, Ebenezer Fitch Harding, Stewart Bosworth, Francis Moran and Alexander Boyle had regularly studied physic and surgery for the term and in the manner prescribed by the "Act Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery" in this State. The candidates being recommended by the Comitia Minora, the Censors were directed to proceed to their examination. The candidates were accordingly publicly examined by the Censors, after which they retired, when the Society declared them severally entitled to a license to practice physic and surgery. Being again introduced, the Vice-President communicated to them the resolution of the Society in an address, and they having assented to the obligation imposed by the By-Laws, were invested with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Censor Cheesman, who was appointed to examine the testimonials of the qualifications of Dr. Wm. F. Seaman, having reported that they were satisfactory, he was balloted for and unanimously elected.

Drs. John J. Ingersoll, Joseph Hanson, Marmaduke H. Burrell, Benjamin R. Kissam and B. W. Budd were nominated as candidates for members of this Society, whereupon Censor Osborn was appointed to examine the testimonials of Dr. Ingersoll, Censor Ives those of Dr. Burrell, Censor Cheesman those of Dr. Hanson, and Censor Watts those of Drs. Kissam and Budd.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to arrange the documents relative to the report on Bancker Street fever, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held May 14th, 1821.

Present—Dr. Beck, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Osborn, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. D. W. Kissam, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Monroy, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Stearns, Dr. S. W. Moore, Dr. Ives, Dr. Dering, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Phelps, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Tappan.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Censors who were appointed to examine the testimonials of the qualifications of Dr. Stephen Brown, John J. Ingersoll and Joseph Hanson having reported that they were satisfactory, they were balloted for and duly elected.

The committee appointed to arrange the documents relative to Bancker Street fever begged to be discharged.

On motion—

Resolved, They be discharged.

Dr. Wooster Beach and Dr. James De Kay were nominated as ordinary members. Censor Cheesman was appointed to examine into the qualifications of Dr. Beach, and Dr. Ives those of Dr. De Kay.

Don Augustin Frutos, M.D., &c., was proposed by Dr. Stevens as a candidate for an honorary member.

Dr. Osborn tendered his resignation as Censor of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Osborn be accepted.

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 2nd, 1821.

Present—Dr. Hamersley, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Cock, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Manley, Dr. R. Seaman, Dr. J. Seaman, Dr. W. F. Seaman, Dr. Piatt, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Dering, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Beck, Dr. Dyckman, Dr. Sterling, Dr. Wood, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Van Solingen, Dr. Watts, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Tappan, Dr. Ives, Dr. Platt, Dr. Stearns, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Monroy, Dr A. T. Hunter, Dr. Wright, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Drake, Dr. Francis, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. E. S. Blatchley, Dr. F. Cooper.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The testimonials of the qualifications of Drs. Budd and Kissam having been reported to have been satisfactory, they were balloted for and elected members of this Society.

Censor Cheesman reported that the testimonials of Dr. Budd's qualifications were not satisfactory, his license having date 25th May, 1821.

Censor Ives not being prepared to report on the qualifications of Drs. Burrell and De Kay, their election was postponed.

Don Augustin Frutos, M.D., &c., Chief Surgeon to the King of Spain, was elected an honorary member to this Society.

The Society then proceeded to the election of their charter officers, and Drs. Stearns and Hamersley having been appointed inspectors of the election, made the following report:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed inspectors of the election of charter officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the followlng gentlemen duly elected:

Dr. SAMUEL L. MITCHELL, *President.*
GILBERT SMITH, *Vice-President.*
PETER C. TAPPAN, *Sec'y.*
FELIX PASCALIS, *Corresponding Sec'y.*
ANDREW ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*
JOHN WATTS, Jr., }
THOMAS COCK, }
JOHN C. CHEESMAN, } *Censors.*
ANSELL W. IVES, }
SAMUEL OSBORN, }

(Signed) JOHN STEARNS, } *Inspectors.*
WM. HAMERSLEY, }

July 2nd, 1821.

Drs. Pascalis and Cheesman were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Dr. Edgerton Winthrop was nominated as a candidate for member of this Society, and Censor Watts appointed to examine his credentials. The Corresponding Secretary presented the following report:

Mr. PRESIDENT—Your Corresponding Secretary has to report on three following subjects:

1. On the medical papers and communications which are registered or filed in his possession, and belong to the County Medical Society.

2. On the communications which have been received since his appointment.

3. On such regulations and provisions as it may be expedient to consider and adopt at this anniversary for the more correct discharge of the duties of the office of Corresponding Secretary.

There has been about twenty different papers on various important and instructive subjects successively presented to this institution, and registered by order; some were left on file; and in order that members of the Society may either consult or think of the expediency of future disposal and publication, it is thought proper to enumerate them, with dates, and the names of their authors:

1. A Memoir on Uterine Hemorrhage, by Wm. Moore, M.D., Pres't of this institution, Oct., 1813.

2. A monography of a Disease of the Head, and appearances after death, by Henry U. Onderdonk, M.D., formerly Sec'y of this institution, July, 1814.

3. A dissertation on Pulmonary Diseases, by Wm. Hamersley, M.D., July, 1815.

4. The description of a Strangulated and fatal Hernia, with autopsic examination, by Dr. J. L. Phelps, Oct. 1815.

5. Description of a case of Perforated Stomach, which, by the benefit of an Interposed Tumor, kept up the power of digestion, by Felix Pascalis, M.D., 1816.

6. The case of an Extraneous Fœtus produced alive, by Dr. Jno. King, S. C., 1816.

7. Letters on Ergot, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., 1818.

8. Letters on Ergot, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., 1818.

9. Letters on Luxations and Fistula, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., 1818.

10. Letters on Fungus Hœmatodes, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., 1819.

11. Letters on Gonorrhœa, by Lyman Spalding, M.D., 1819.

12. On the cause of the Black Colour in the human species, by Felix Pascalis, M.D., 1818.

13. A case of Preternatural Presentation of a Fœtus, by A. H. Stevens, M.D., 1819.

14. Researches on Cancer, by P. Barbieux, 1819.

With several other interesting papers, viz., on Hernia, on Animal Heat, on Vaccine, on Croup, &c., which, for want of dates or of names, have never to my recollection been noticed.

It appears that a proportion of these communications has already been published. The right which the Society has to include them all in some future volume is not invalidated, but unless the same authority provide for a similar disposal of them once or twice a year in periodical journals, it is not to be expected that the collection will be further increased.

II. Your Corresponding Secretary has received for the use of the Society, during the elapsed year,

(*a*) A book of the Laws for Organizing Medical Societies in the State of Vermont, with an Address by Dr. Gallup on General Diseased Action.

(*b*) A Report of New Orleans Medical Society on Yellow Fever, for 1819.

(*c*) A Report of the Physico-Medical Society of the same city for 1820.

(*d*) A French Book of the Transactions of the Academy of Sciences of Nancy, presented by Dr. Valentine, member of this institution.

(*e*) A French Book of the Royal Medical Society of Marseilles, 1819.

(*f*) A French Book of the Royal Medical Society of Bordeaux, 1819.

(*g*) Volume of the Medico-Legal Manual on Prisons, by C. H. Bertrand, M.D., &c., and the donor of same.

(*h*) One copy of the Treatise on the Yellow Fever, presented by the author, J. Deveze, M.D., &c.

III. The following regulations are proposed in addition to the duties of the Corresponding Secretary:

1st. That any communication, memoir or essay on a medical subject, after being read and accepted by the Medical Society, be submitted by the Corresponding Secretary to the Comitia Minora for their subsequent examination, by whom they may be ordered to be published in any journal of medicine they may designate.

2nd. That in any case of emergency from death, absence, or sickness of either of the Secretaries, the duties of one to devolve upon the other until otherwise provided by the Society.

All which is respectfully submitted by

(Signed) F. PASCALIS, *Cor. Sec'y.*

July 2nd, 1821.

Which was accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the sixth and seventh Articles of the tenth Chapter of the By-Laws be repealed, and the following Article substituted, to wit:

All communications, memoirs or essays on medical subjects having been read and accepted by the Medical Society, shall be submitted by the Corresponding Secretary to the Comitia Minora for their subsequent examination, by whom they may be ordered to be published in any journal of medicine they may designate.

On motion—

Resolved, That in any case of emergency from death, absence, or sickness of either of the Secretaries, the duties of one be devolved upon the other until otherwise provided for by the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the second Article of the sixth Chapter of the By-Laws be repealed, and the following adopted, to wit:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer for the time being to collect, whether by legal measures or otherwise, the sum of one dollar for each and every year, from each practising physician residing in the County of New York, except from members of this Society, as authorized by the Statute of 13th of April, 1819.

The Secretary then made the following report:

NEW YORK, July 2nd, 1821.

The Secretary begs leave respectfully to report that Drs. Jacob De La Motta, Stephen D. Roe, John Torrey and Eldridge G. Dunnell, who were reported at the last Anniversary Meeting as not having signed the By-Laws, having been duly notified thereof, and having not yet signed the same, by which omission their title to membership has been forfeited.

He also reports that Drs. James M. Pendleton, Francis E. Berger, elected Jan'y 8th, 1821, and Drs. Stephen Brown, John

J. Ingersoll, Joseph Hanson, elected May 14th, 1821, have not yet signed the By-Laws.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) PETER C. TAPPEN, *Sec'y.*

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society, held Sept. 10th, 1821.

Present—Dr. Cock, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. R. Seaman, Dr. W. F. Seaman, Dr. Manley, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. T. W. Hunter, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Monroy, Dr. Dering, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. Drake, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Tappen.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Censor Cock took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Censor Ives having the following report on the testimonials of Drs. De Kay and Burrell, the Society proceeded to ballot for them, when Dr. De Kay was duly elected, and Dr. Burrell rejected.

On motion—

Resolved, That the vote on the election of Dr. Burrell be reconsidered.

On motion of Dr. Manley—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be instructed to inquire into the abuses of the license to practice physic and surgery in this State by persons licensed in other States, and that they report such measures as in their opinion will be calculated in future to prevent all evasions of the laws of this State regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

An application having been made in behalf of Dr. Spalding for compensation for services done while Corresponding Secretary to this Society,

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the claim of Dr. Spalding, with power to draw upon the Treasurer to liquidate the same.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis, Cock and Manley were appointed that committee.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society, held Nov. 12th, 1821.

Present—Dr. Mitchill, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Dayton, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Cock, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Ives, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Watts, Dr. Brush, Dr. Tappen, Dr. Dering, Dr. Platt, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Beck, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Monroy, Dr. Anderson.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The election of Dr. Burrell was further postponed till the next meeting, and Censor Ives was directed to report his testimonials.

The committee appointed to inquire into the claim of Dr. Lyman Spalding for services as Corresponding Secretary, report that they have examined the same, and have allowed him thirty dollars, which sum was paid by the Treasurer.

On motion—

Resolved, The report be agreed to.

Dr. Cock read an interesting letter from Mrs. Spalding, containing an account of the examination of the Doctor's brain after death, by the physicians.

David B. Brooks, M.D., was proposed as a member of this Society, and Censor Osborn was appointed to examine his credentials.

On motion—

Resolved, That hereafter, during the session of the College, the Society meet at the hour of seven in the evening.

A motion was made by Dr. Stearns that a dissertation relating to medicine or surgery, or some branch of science connected therewith, or some important case in practice, shall be read by one of the members at each Stated Meeting, in regular alphabetical order, and that such dissertation shall be discussed, and its principles defended by the author, at the next succeeding meeting of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject be postponed till the next Stated Meeting.

The Society having heard with regret of the death of Lyman Spalding, M.D., their late Corresponding Secretary, therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary record it in the minutes of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the above notice be published.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the County of New York adopt the National Pharmacopœia, and recommend it to their members.

On motion—

Resolved, That the above resolution be published.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Monday, Jan'y 14th, 1822.

Present—Dr. Watts, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Ives, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Wright, Dr. Dering, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Blatchley, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Monroy, Dr. Wood, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Beck, Dr. Manley.

A quorum being present, Censor Watts took the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Censor Osborn having reported favourably on the credentials of David B. Brooks, M.D., he was balloted for and duly elected.

The subject of the election of Dr. M. H. Burrell was resumed and discussed; his credentials are a license for the State of New Jersey from a court of justice, and is recorded in the Clerk's Office of this County.

On motion—

Resolved, That the further consideration of his case be postponed to the next Stated Meeting.

The motion of Dr. Stearns is resumed, but owing to the absence of the mover, is postponed to the next Stated Meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the correctness of the reports of the number of still-born children made by the City Inspector during the past year, and if those reports are found to be correct, to prosecute the inquiry into the causes thereof, and report the result to the Medical Society.

Whereupon Drs. Manley, Osborn, Ives, Pascalis and Stillwell were appointed that committee.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 11th, 1822.

Present—Dr. G. M. Smith, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Bliss, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Drake, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Lord, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Mitchill, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Ives, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. J. Seaman, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Wright, Dr. D. W. Kissam, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Dering, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Watts, Dr. Dunnell, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Howe, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Manley, Dr. Tappen.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The consideration of the question in relation to Dr. M. H. Burrell was further postponed till the next Stated Meeting.

Dr. B. P. Robson, who was one of the original signers of the By-Laws, under the Act constituting Medical Societies, having forfeited his right of membership, appeared and asked to be reinstated.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Robson be reinstated.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Robson's fines be remitted.

The resolution offered by Dr. Stearns at the meeting held in Nov'r last, was, on motion of Dr. Manley, referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon at the next Stated Meeting.

Whereupon Drs. Stearns, Manley, Pascalis, Eddy and J. M. Smith were appointed that committee.

A letter was received by the President from Dr. H. W.

Ducachet, in which he reported himself to, and connects himself with the Medical Society, agreeably to the provisions of the seventh Section of an Act of the Legislature, entitled an Act, &c., passed April 20th, 1818.

Resolved, That the Secretary place Dr. Ducachet's letter on file.

Drs. Vermeule and James Murphy were proposed as candidates for membership of the Society. Censor Ives was appointed to examine the credentials of Dr. Vermeule, and Censor Cheesman those of Dr. Murphy.

Dr. Pascalis proposed Pierre Frederick Thomas, M.D., Sec'y General of the Med. Soc. of Louisiana, at New Orleans, as honorary member.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to inquire into the correctness of the reports of the number of still births, &c., report progress, and have leave to sit again.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. David Rodgers, formerly the President of the Westchester Co. Med. Soc., and now a resident in this city, be admitted *ad eundum* to all the rights and privileges of a member of this Society.

A communication from the Comitia Minora was laid before the Society recommending the passing of a resolution approving of the proceedings of the meeting of physicians held on the evening of the 28th of Feb'y last, at the Hall of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Whereupon—

Resolved, That this Society approve the proceedings of the meeting held on the 28th February last at the College of Physicians.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary communicate this resolution to the chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly on Colleges, &c.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held May 13th, 1822.

Present—Dr. Mitchill, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Drake, Dr. Anderson,

Dr. Monroy, Dr. Ives, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Bliss, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Stearns, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Hosack, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. W. Moore, Dr. Wright, Dr. Dering, Dr. F. Cooper, Dr. Beck, Dr. Tappen, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Watts.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The consideration of the subject of Dr. M. H. Burrell was resumed and discussed.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society now proceed to ballot for him.

On counting the ballots it was found that Dr. Burrell was not elected.

The committee to whom was referred the motion of Dr. Stearns on the subject of medical dissertations, presented the following report—

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to dissertations, &c., respectfully report—

That the attention which your committee has bestowed upon the subject of this resolution has produced additional impressions upon their minds of its importance to the honor and reputation of this Society, and of its tendency to promote the diffusion of medical science. While they have derived much satisfaction from the repeated exhibition of talents in this Society, they have reason to regret that they have not been more frequently directed to the investigation of medical subjects, which constituted an important object in the original institution of the medical societies of this State. The early adoption of this measure would probably have produced volumes of ——— that would have given to the New York Medical Society a distinction not inferior to similar institutions in London, Edinburgh and Paris, and would have afforded ample means of refutation to those charges of inutility, which their enemies have repeatedly urged against the medical associations of this State.

Your committee therefore beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

That five lecturers be elected by the Society, at the next Annual Meeting in July, whose duty it shall be to read, according to the alphabetical arrangement of their names, at each Stated Meeting except the Anniversary, a dissertation on some subject connected with medicine or surgery, or some important case in practice.

That the Comitia Minora may recommend to the Society, at

any Stated Meeting, subjects to be referred to committees for investigation.

That the Comitia Minora be hereby authorized and directed to propose prize questions whenever they may deem it compatible with the interests of the Society, and most conducive to promote the diffusion of medical science.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Censor Ives, to whom was referred the credentials of Dr. Vermeule, made the following certificate:

I hereby certify that I have examined the diploma of Dr. Vermeule, from which it appears he has been legally authorized to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey, that he has been a resident in this city one year or more, and that his diploma has been registered in the Clerk's Office, according to law.

(Signed) A. W. IVES, *Censor.*

The Society then proceeded to ballot for Dr. Vermeule, and Drs. Ives and Stearns having been appointed inspectors of the election, made the following report:

The undersigned beg permission to report that we have carefully canvassed the votes, as given for and against the admission of Dr. Vermeule into this Society, and that it appears there is a majority of one vote against his admission.

(Signed) A. W. IVES, JOHN STEARNS, } *Inspectors.*

Pierre Frederick Thomas, M.D., &c., having been proposed as an honorary member of this Society, was balloted for and duly elected.

The committee to whom was referred the inquiry into the cause of the number of still born children, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

J. Smith Rodgers, M.D., Ab'm Wilson, M.D., Drs. J. Ostram and John S. Conger having been proposed as ordinary members of this Society, Censor Watts was appointed to examine the credentials of Dr. Rodgers, Censor Cock those of Dr. Wilson, Censor Ives those of Dr. Ostram, and Censor Osborn those of Dr. Conger.

Dr. Anthony L. Anderson, formerly a member of this Society, having forfeited his right of membership in consequence of neglect to pay his dues, applied for readmission into the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dr. Anderson be permitted to take his seat in the Society, and that his fines be remitted.

On motion—

Resolved, The Secretary be directed to cause a number of diplomas for license, not exceeding 500, to be printed, leaving the name of the county *blank*, to be disposed of under the direction of the Society.

Adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 1st, 1822.

Present—Dr. Mitchill, Dr. Cock, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Manley, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Drake, Dr. Osborn, Dr. Anderson, Dr. D. Rodgers, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Brown, Dr. T. W. Hunter, Dr. A. P. Hunter, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Helme, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Kuypers, Dr. Brooks, Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Monroy, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Tappen, Dr. Wood, Dr. Beck, Dr. Sweeney, Dr. Howe, Dr. W. F. Seaman, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Jacques, Dr. Wright, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. Dering, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. E. S. Blatchley.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary made a verbal report, and laid before the Society three medical treatises, presented by the authors, to wit: A Treatise on the Yellow Fever of Andalusia, from the year 1800 to 1819, by Dr. Affenso De Maria; A Treatise on the Yellow Fever, by J. L. Chalbert, D.M., &c., New Orleans; and A Medical Voyage, by Valentine, D.M., &c., Prof., &c., Nancey.

The Secretary reported Dr. John J. Ingersoll as having forfeited his right to membership in consequence of his not having signed the By-Laws within the time allowed for doing the same; and also Drs. Bern W. Budd and Benj. R. Kissam as not having signed the By-laws.

Minutes of the Comitia Minora were read and approved.

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the number of still-births report progress, and have leave to sit until the next Stated Meeting.

Censor Watts and Osborn having reported that the credentials of Drs. Rodgers and Conger were satisfactory, the Society proceeded to ballot for them, and they were duly elected.

Censor Ives being absent, and Censor Cock not having reported in strict conformity with the mode prescribed by the By-Laws, the election of Drs. Ostram and Wilson was postponed to the next Stated Meeting.

The Society then proceeded to choose charter officers for the ensuing year, and Drs. Manley and Pascalis having been appointed inspectors of the election, made the following report, viz.:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed inspectors of the election of Charter Officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected, viz.:

GILBERT SMITH, M.D., *President.*
JOHN WATTS, M.D., *Vice-President.*
JAMES R. MANLEY, M.D., *Delegate.*
ALEX'R H. STEVENS, M.D., *Corresponding Sec'y.*
PETER C. TAPPEN, M.D., *Secretary.*
ANDREW ANDERSON, M.D., *Treasurer.*
THOMAS COCK, M.D.,
JOHN C. CHEESMAN, M.D.,
JOSEPH M. SMITH, M.D.,
SAMUEL OSBORN, M.D.,
ANSEL W. IVES, M.D., } *Censors.*

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY, FELIX PASCALIS, } *Inspectors.*

Drs. J. K. Rodgers and C. C. Blatchley having been appointed inspectors of the election for Lecturers of Medical Society of the County of New York, made the following report, viz.:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed inspectors of the election of Lecturers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected, viz.: John B. Beck, M.D., Felix Pascalis, M.D., Joseph M. Smith, M.D., John Stearns, M.D., John Watts, M.D.

(Signed) J. KEARNEY RODGERS, COR'S C. BLATCHLEY, } *Inspectors.*

Drs. Stearns and Helme having been appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, made the following report, viz.:

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts report, that there are in the Treasurer's hands $3.25, and that he has borrowed from the annual contribution fund $65.50 to pay the current expenses of the Society.

(Signed) JOHN STEARNS, PETER B. HELME, } *Auditors.*

NEW YORK, July 1st, 1822.

On motion—

Resolved, That the following amendment be made in the By-Laws of this Society, to wit, that the first Article of the By-Laws be stricken out, and the following substituted, viz.: "Any member may propose a candidate for a seat as member of this Society, and when the documents and testimonials relative to the moral character and professional qualifications of such candidate shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary, he shall lay them before the Comitia Minora, whose duty it shall be to recommend the admission of such candidate, if he be thought eligible, at the next Stated Meeting of the Society." Also, that the fourth Article of the same Chapter be stricken out, and the following substituted, to wit, "Every member admitted into the Society shall, before signing the By-Laws, be required by the Secretary to present the Treasurer's receipt for his initiation fee (ten dollars), which shall be appropriated to the use of the Society, whereupon the Secretary shall present him with a copy of the Charter and By-Laws."

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of publishing annually an alphabetical list of the names of the members of the Medical Society, and of all other legal practitioners of medicine in the City and County of New York.

Whereupon Drs. Stevens, Cor's C. Blatchley and Pascalis were appointed that committee.

The Secretary having laid before the Society a letter received by him from Dr. Alex'r B. Arnold, of Abbeville, S. C.

On motion—

Resolved, That the letter lie on the table, and that the Secretary inform Dr. Arnold that the Society do not deem it expedient to discuss the question proposed in his letter.

Drs. Jas. Cameron, William Hibbard and John W. Weed having been proposed as candidates for membership, their documents were referred to the Comitia Minora.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Nov. 11th, 1822.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Watts, Dr. Cock, Dr. Ives, Dr. Manley, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Mitchill, Dr. Akerley, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Dunham, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Bliss, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Tappen, Dr. Dering, Dr. D. Rodgers, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Monroy, Dr. S. W. Moore, Dr. Beck, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Dayton.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Comitia Minora having reported favourably on the credentials of Drs. Hibbard, Wilson and Cameron, and Dr. Watts having also reported favorably on the credentials of Dr. Winthrop, whose case was referred to him when Censor, they were balloted for and duly elected.

J. Berard, M.D., &c., of Montpelier, and Zollickhoffer, of Philadelphia, were proposed as candidates for honorary membership.

The chairman of the committee appointed to inquire into the causes of still-births, &c., reported that in consequence of the late epidemic he had not been able to convene the committee, and asked leave to sit again. The committee are requested to report at the next Stated Meeting.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of publishing annually a list of the members of the Medical Society, &c., made the following report:

That the practice of publishing annually a list of the members is pursued by the Medical Society of Paris; that it is attended with the obvious advantage of making the members of the Society known to each other and to the public, and is not liable, so far as the committee can see, to any objection whatever. With respect to publication of the names of all legal practitioners in the City and County of New York, the committee would observe that it is liable to some objection, from the difficulty of

ascertaining correctly who are legal practitioners. It will, however, be readily perceived that this difficulty will not exist after one list shall have been published, because in the second and all subsequent lists the names of those who may have been unintentionally omitted, and of those who have become legal practitioners in the interim, can readily be inserted. The committee therefore recommend that a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare and publish, on the first day of January, 1823, a list of the members of this Society, distinguishing them as such, the Medical Society, and of those who have reported themselves to, and of all other legal practitioners of medicine in the City and County of New York, so far as they may be able to ascertain them; provided always that any person whose name may have been omitted in the list so published, shall be entitled to have his name published in a subsequent list, upon his furnishing to the committee satisfactory evidence of his legal qualifications to practice medicine and surgery.

(Signed) ALEX. H. STEVENS.
FELIX PASCALIS.
CORN'S C. BLATCHLEY.

Which, after filling the blanks as above, was accepted.

Whereupon the Secretary, Drs. Bliss, Akerly, Dering and S. W. Moore were appointed that committee.

Dr. Pascalis read a lecture on the origin and mode of treatment of the late epidemic yellow fever.

Resolved, That the communications presented by Dr. Mitchill be accepted, and recorded by the Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That the meeting of the Society be held, during the session of the College, at seven o'clock in the evening.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan. 13th, 1823.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Cock, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Phelps, Dr. Brown, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. D. Rodgers, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Buckham, Dr. Cameron, Dr. W. F. Seaman, Dr. J. M. Smith, Dr. Anderson, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. J. K. Rodgers, Dr. Watts, Dr. Howe, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Ives, Dr. Dering, Dr. Monroy, Dr. E. S. Blatchley, Dr. Drake, Dr. Sweeney, Dr.

Hanson, Dr. B. P. Kissam, Dr. Manley, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Tappen.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comitia Minora having reported favorably on the credentials of Dr. Ostram, he was elected a member of the Society.

M. Berard, of Montpelier, and Zollickhoffer of Philadelphia, were duly elected honorary members.

Mr. William Abell having presented to the Comitia Minora testimonials of having studied medicine and surgery in conformity with the laws of this State, the Censors proceeded to his examination, and having found him qualified; he was publicly examined before the Society and licensed to practice physic and surgery, and was addressed by the President.

The chairman of the committee on still-births reported that he had not called the committee together owing to his ill health; they were therefore continued, and requested to report at the next stated meeting.

The Secretary laid before the Society a communication from Dr. Vandinburgh, of Liverpool, with a paper on Hepatic Abscess. Referred to the Comitia Minora.

Dr. C. C. Blatchley made the following motion—

"I move that the Medical Society of the County and City of New York appoint a large committee, whose duty it shall be to devise and propose the best plan they can to promote the two great objects for which the Medical Society is established in the city, and present the result of their investigations, with the plan, to the third sitting of the Medical Society in 1823, in the 5th month;" which was seconded by Dr. Pascalis.

On motion—

Resolved, That it lie on the table till the next Stated Meeting.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held 10th March, 1823.

Present—Dr. G. Smith, Dr. Ives, Dr. G. A. Cooper, Dr. A. Anderson, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Dering, Dr. Cheesman, Dr. Manley, Dr. McNeven, Dr. Macauley, Dr.

Sweeney, Dr. Drake, Dr. C. C. Blatchley, Dr. Monroy, Dr. Hosack, Dr. Eddy, Dr. Cock, Dr. Stearns, Dr. Onderdonk, Dr. Buckham, Dr. R. Seaman, Dr. Pascalis, Dr. Stevens, Dr. J. S. Rodgers, Dr. Tappen.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Certain documents were presented, stating that John Davis, Abraham Skillman and Willard Thayer had regularly studied physic and surgery for the time and in the manner prescribed by the "Act for Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State," and the same being approved of, the candidates were publicly examined by the Censors, and having been found qualified, the Society granted them a license to practice the same.

Dr. Stearns read a lecture, entitled "A Comparative View of the State of Medical Science Among the Ancients and Moderns, its Revolution in different ages of the world, and an Enumeration of some of the Errors which check its progress," which was referred to the Comitia Minora.

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of still-births, &c., made the following report:

March 4th, 1823.

The committee appointed to inquire into the correctness of the reports of the number of still-births made to the City Inspector, and if these reports are found to be correct to prosecute the inquiry into the causes thereof, and report the result to the Medical Society. They respectfully report that they have ascertained that the returns of the City Inspector, reported from week to week, are as correct as the present defective nature of the law of the Common Council will admit. The data from which he makes up his report is derived wholly from the sextons of the different burial grounds within the city, and he has no other means of ascertaining their correctness. Your committee are fully of opinion that other sources of information than those which the law points are necessary to such a correct estimate of the number of still-births as shall warrant them in suggesting or recommending remedial measures for an evil which, in the opinion of your committee, is one of vital interest to this community. The other branch of their duty has not been attended to with all the assiduity which its importance requires, and they regret it inasmuch as they are fully of opinion that a thorough investigation would form the groundwork of an appeal to the public authorities which could not but be attended by

beneficial results. Your committee therefore recommend that their number be increased so as to include three or more physicians from the northern and eastern sections of the city, in order that they might be able to derive information from every practicising physician in New York, which may be conveniently done through a circular letter stating the points of inquiry, and requesting opinions. If this measure is adopted by the Society, they profess their willingness to continue their labour till the report be complete and satisfactory. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. R. MANLEY, *Chairman.*

Which was accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That four members be added to the committee.

Whereupon Drs. Buckham, Hanson, Baxter and C. C. Blatchley were appointed.

The Society then proceeded to the consideration of the motion offered by Dr. Blatchley at the last meeting, which was carried.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee consist of nine.

Whereupon Drs. C. C. Blatchly, Stearns, Baxter, Hanson, Drake, Eddy, Dering, Pascalis and J. S. Rodgers were appointed that committee. Dr. C. C. Yates was proposed as a member of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine whether any, and if any, *what* alterations are necessary to be made in the By-Laws at the next Annual Meeting, and report the same to the Society at their next Stated Meeting.

Whereupon Drs. Onderdonk, Stearns, Anderson, Pascalis and Manley were appointed that committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be added to that committee.

Society adjourned.

Extra Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 18th, 1823.

Present—Drs. G. Smith, Cock, Cheesman, J. M. Smith, Ives, W. F. Seaman, McLean, Piatt, Monroy, Dunnell, Tappen, Baxter, Stearns, Wright, Sweeney, Pascalis.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A certificate signed by the Censors that they had examined the credentials of Mr. Andrew Baldwin, and found that he had complied with the requisitions of the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in this State; and also, that they have examined him before the Comitia Minora, and finding him qualified, recommended him for a public examination. Whereupon he was examined before the Society, and having been found duly qualified, he was licensed to practice physic and surgery in this State.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society, held May 12th, 1823.

Present—Drs. Stearns, C. C. Blatchley, Hanson, B. R. Kissam, Osborn, Watts, Jr., Buckham, Eddy, Sweeney, Ives, Baxter, Monroy, Cameron, J. M. Smith, Tappen.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Censor J. M. Smith took the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of stillbirths, &c., had not met in consequence of the indisposition of their chairman. They were continued.

The committee appointed to devise a plan for improving the Society, &c., made the following report by their chairman, Dr. Blatchley:

The committee who were appointed to devise a plan which should promote the principal objects of the Medical Society of this County, report the following articles, which, in their estimation, are calculated to advance the interests, usefulness and celebrity of the Society by calling forth the exertions of its members, and thereby inducing medical men generally to attend and belong to it:

Article 1st. A committee of five shall be elected at each Anniversary Meeting to be denominated the Comitia Minora, whose

special duty shall be to constitute, from the members of the Medical Society, classes of convenient sizes for the purposes each class is intended.

Art. 2d. The members of the Society shall be classed in rotation, so that no member shall be appointed to serve a second time in a class until all the other members of the Society shall have been called upon—provided, however, that any member of the Society may, after a class shall have been appointed, propose himself as an adjunct part of it to the Comitia Minora, who, if the person be approved by the Comitia Minora, shall be annexed to the class.

Art. 3d. The duty of each class shall be to investigate, individually as well as collectively, such subjects as shall be assigned to it. They shall report thereon at some stated period, and their reports shall be signed by such members only as shall have contributed to their formation, the greatest contributor to be honored with the first signature, and the least contributor with the last. These reports shall become the common property of the Society, and be disposed of as hereinafter provided for.

Art. 4th. The Comitia Minora shall, at each Stated Meeting of the Society, propose subjects for investigation, and designate the classes to which such subjects shall be referred. They shall receive the reports of the classes, the lectures, and such other communications as shall be presented to the Society; and from these prepare transactions of the Society for publication.

Art. 5th. Any member of the Society may propose to the Comitia Minora a subject for investigation, and if it be approved, it shall be assigned to a class specially selected for that purpose, unless it be connected with a subject already under investigation, in which case it shall be referred to the class to which the subject belongs.

Art. 6th. The Comitia Minora shall be empowered to publish a volume of the transactions of the Society annually, which shall contain the reports of the classes, selections from individual communications, and such lectures as the Comitia Minora may choose to select.

Art. 7th. At each May meeting the Comitia Minora may propose a prize question to be contended for by any person not an officer of the Society. The question thus propounded shall be again announced at the Anniversary Meeting, and notice shall be given of it in the public prints.

Art. 8th. The prize dissertations shall be delivered to the Corresponding Secretary by the first Monday in May, next succeeding that on which the question is propounded. By him they shall be referred to the Comitia Minora for adjudication.

Art. 9th. The successful essay shall be read by the Corres-

ponding Secretary at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, and by him it shall be delivered to the Comitia Minora for publication. At the same meeting the medal shall be presented to the successful candidate.

The Comitia Minora shall have the privilege of publishing such of the unsuccessful essays as they may deem particularly meritorious.

Art. 10*th.* For the purpose of defraying the expenses of publication and the purchase of prize medals, there shall be an annual assessment of three dollars on each member of the Society, due at the Anniversary Meeting, and to be paid to the Treasurer, and which shall be at the sole disposal of the Comitia Minora. Each member, for the assessment he shall so pay, shall thereby be entitled to a copy of the transactions of the Medical Society for that year.

Signed agreeably to the order of the aforesaid committee, by their chairman,

(Signed) CORN'S. C. BLATCHLEY.

23d of 4 mo., 1823.

On motion—

Resolved, The report lie on the table.

Dr. C. C. Yates, formerly President of the Medical Society of Albany, and Dr. A. G. Hull, formerly President of the Medical Society of the County of Oneida, were elected members of this Society *ad eundem.*

Drs. Francis U. Johnston and H. Tomlinson Judson were nominated candidates for members of this Society.

The committee on the By-Laws reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Dr. Watts read a case on submersion.

On motion—

Resolved, That the names of the members be published in a distinct list in the City Directory.

Adjourned to the first Monday in June.

Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society, held June 2d, 1823.

Present—Drs. G. Smith, Hosack, Buckham, Cameron, Hanson, Helme, Ives, Osborne, Phelps, Stevens, F. Cooper, Ostrom,

Pascalis, Baxter, Monroy, J. M. Smith, Dering, Blatchly, A. Anderson, A. L. Anderson, Robson, Cheesman, Brooks, Cock, B. R. Kissam, Piatt, Jacques, Drake, Clinton, Manley, Tappen, Kuypers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Society proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to devise a plan for its improvement, which report was read at the last meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted and referred to the committee on the By-Laws, and that Drs. C. C. Blatchley and Hanson be added to that committee.

The committee appointed to inquire into the cause of the great number of still-births in this city, made the following report:

The committee appointed to inquire into the correctness of the reports of the City Inspector touching the number of still-born children, and directed in case those reports were found to be correct to prosecute the inquiry into the causes thereof, respectfully report that they have endeavored to fulfill the objects of their appointment, and beg leave to offer the following as the result of their inquiries. In order to ascertain the correctness of the City Inspector's reports, your committee applied directly to that officer and learned from him, and from the inspection of the returns made at his office, that they were as near the truth as could reasonably be expected, when we take into account the imperfect nature of the law which requires them, and the very equivocal sources from which the returning officers derive their information. This part of their duty therefore was fulfilled with very little difficulty, but the task of ascertaining the causes of what was presumed to be an inordinate and unusual number of still-births was not so easily accomplished, and after all the inquiry which has been made, it must be confessed that their efforts instead of identifying the causes, have rather served to narrow the field in which they have heretofore been sought, and to correct the opinions which the community have hitherto held on this important subject.

Your committee entered upon their duty under a full persuasion that the public mind was misled in regard to the number of still-born children in this city, though they were reported as correctly as the law seemed to demand, for previous information had satisfied them that in general no distinction was attempted

to be made between births at maturity and those which were the result of disease and accidents before the usual time of gestation had expired, by far the greater number of which must necessarily result in the death of the children; yet they were of opinion, notwithstanding all the allowances which could be reasonably required, that the proportion of still-born children, if not greater than in some other of our cities, was too large not to permit some doubts that the practice of Midwifery was still too much confined to ignorant and inexperienced attendants.

From a comparative statement of the number of deaths of this description taken from the bills of mortality of several large cities, it would appear that the proportion of still-born in the city of London, where lying-in charities are most numerous, is much less than that of any other place with which your committee have become acquainted. And this fact of itself goes very far to prove that the evil which is the subject of inquiry is not so much to be attributed to the destitute state of a large portion of the population in all large cities in regard to the comforts of life, as to the ill-directed and mischievous interference of ignorance and presumption in those who practice Midwifery in the lower orders of society, for it is beyond a question that it is among those classes more particularly that the evil obtains.

The following proportions of still-births to the whole number of deaths in those places from which your committee have been enabled to give information, may perhaps be instructive, if not by immediately pointing out the specific causes of them, at least by directing our attention to the means above all others best calculated to diminish them. In London, with a population estimated at 1,000,000, the whole number of deaths for the last year was 18,865, and the number of still-births 647, making a proportion of 1 in 29.15. In Philadelphia, with a population estimated at 120,000, the whole number of deaths was 3,591, and the still-births 257, making the proportion as high as one to fourteen.

In this city, with a population of 130,000, the whole mortality is 3,231, and the still-births 205, giving a proportion of still-born to the whole as 1 to 16.24. And in Boston the number of still-births for the year 1821 was 116, and the whole mortality 1,420, giving the proportion of 1 to 12.41, which must be deemed excessive when compared with London, or even New York. From these data, narrow as they are, and we regret they are not more extensive, we learn enough to show that, considering the fact that in our city there is at present no effective Lying-in Charity, either as an asylum for lying-in women, or for the purpose of administering relief to them at their own houses, the practice of Midwifery, with all its abuses, is with us much

more successful than in either of the places named except London, where those charities are known to be numerous and well supported. It is unnecessary to disguise the fact that the committee entered upon the business of their appointment under the influence of various opinions as to the causes of the number of still-births. Some believed them chargeable to the improper or indiscreet use of Ergot, others to the ignorance or improper interference of Midwives, others again to the indigence and apparent destitution of females during the period of gestation. All these opinions had more or less influence in the conduct of the inquiry, and the result has been a conviction that although all these causes may have some agency, yet the most operative are the ignorance and presumption of some who assume the offices of Midwives.

To one of these presumed causes your committee extended very particular attention.

It is well known that within a few years among many practitioners it has become fashionable to exhibit the Secale Cornatum or spurred rye to parturient females with a view to expedite delivery, and it is very generally conceded that this article of the Materia Medica, when fresh, is highly operative, appearing to exert a specific influence upon the uterus, enabling it, when properly administered, to expel its contents; but it, like all other remedies which are at all operative, must produce injury when improperly directed, much more than proportional to the benefits which may be expected from its use even when prescribed with discretion. The rage for new remedies has in all ages been scarcely less destructive to the interests of suffering humanity than the uncontrolled operation of disease, by reason of the fact that, with a very large part of the medical profession, the practice of their art is absolutely empirical. This position if true to any assignable extent among medical men, becomes a consideration of immense importance when applied to a large class of persons who practice the art of Midwifery without any medical education, and of course without any of those wholesome restraints to check presumption which even a very moderate knowledge of physiology or the modus operandi of medicines is calculated to produce.

Women among the lower classes of society are chiefly the attendants on parturient females, and it was therefore, by some of your committee, with good reason supposed that the abuse of Ergot in their hands was among the most efficient causes of still-births, but from the difficulty of procuring information from female practitioners, it was impossible to arrive at any satisfactory result with regard to the extent of its use among them. Your committee have the satisfaction to state their conviction

that a very small part of the mortality among new-born infants is justly chargeable to it when exhibited by physicians; indeed, so far as they can judge, the most successful practitioner in this city who has kept a record of his Midwifery practice for the last thirteen years, is among the number of those who make the most extreme use of it. In 1,995 births which have occurred in his practice during that time, 1,948 were born alive, giving the proportion of living to dead children 42½ to 1. The abortions that occurred during the same time were 64. The result of the practice of another physician of deserved eminence in his profession, and who is by no means an advocate for the exhibition of Ergot, is the following: of 2,873 labours, 175 children were still-born, giving the proportion of living to dead children of 16½ to 1. Here appears a great comparative disproportion to be accounted for by the fact that the latter includes the results of all his consultation cases which, from his known eminence in his profession, were unusually numerous and necessarily unpromising.

From all the information which the committee have been able to obtain, they are disposed to conclude that whatever may be the causes of still-births, the abuse of Ergot in the hands of physicians is not among the number.

It is really surprising to learn how small a number of still-births occurs in the practice of physicians.

From the whole number of male practitioners which the committee have consulted, and they exceed fifty, they were scarcely enabled to procure information of a dozen during the past year, and eight of those occurred in the practice of one physician. Strong evidence if any were wanting to show that by far the largest proportion of them occur in the practice of uninstructed female attendants, and in this opinion your committee are unanimous.

If this be the fact, of which there can remain very little doubt, the remedy appears obvious and easy of attainment, and is no other than the institution of a Lying-in Charity for the exclusive purpose of attending parturient females at their own homes. This charity to be effective in the prevention of the evil which we would remedy, should be instituted on a scale so extensive as to prevent the poor from applying in any cases to ignorant, and perhaps intemperate midwives, who practice the art merely to keep themselves from beggary, and receive as the wages of their presumption a miserable pittance wrung from the necessities of penury.

While on this subject your committee hope that they may not be understood as passing a severe and indiscriminate censure upon female practitioners; there are not a few of them who are

discreet and intelligent, and though they are for the most part ignorant of that elementary knowledge which would thoroughly qualify them for the stations which they occupy, they are nevertheless so sensible of their obligations, and feel such weight of responsibility as very rarely to permit themselves to be accessory to or indifferent spectators of consequences which their own limited information incapacitates them either to control or remedy.

Your committee, deeply impressed with the belief of what is here stated, and anxiously desirous to apply the corrective, respectfully suggest that an out-door Lying-in Charity be established under the auspices and subject to the control of this Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES R. MANLEY, *Chair'n.*

On motion—

Resolved, The report be accepted.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That an out-door Lying-in Charity be immediately organized under the auspices, and subject in all things to the control of this Society.

Resolved, That the city be divided into ——— districts, and that one or more attending and consulting accoucheurs be appointed in each district, who shall always be members of this Society.

Resolved, That the Hon. the Corporation of the City be invited to countenance and co-operate with this Society in rendering this institution as beneficial to the public as its wants shall appear to require.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to confer with the Corporation to divide the City into districts, and assign the number of accoucheurs, and to draft rules and regulations for the entire government of the institution, to be submitted to the Society at its next meeting.

Whereupon Drs. Drake, A. L. Anderson, Hanson, Kuypers, and Ostrom, were appointed that committee, and the

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society, held July 7th, 1823.

Present—Drs. Ives, G. A. Cooper, Hibbard, Stillwell, Hosack, Cockroft, Kuypers, Drake, C. C. Blatchley, Cock, Brown, F. Cooper, Dering, Phelps, Monroy, Manley, Wilson, Hanson,

Wright, Clinton, Cameron, Watts, J. M. Smith, Tappen, Dayton, Wood, Francis, A. Anderson, Pascalis, Cheesman, Ostrom, Onderdonk, Ferris, D. W. Kissam, Baxter, Judson.

The President being absent the Vice-Pres't took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comitia Minora having reported that the documents produced by Drs. Frances U. Johnson and H. Tomlinson Judson were satisfactory, the Society proceeded to ballot for them, and they were unanimously elected. Dr. Judson appeared, signed the constitution, and took his seat in the Society.

The Society now proceeded to the election of their Charter Officers, and Drs. Ferris and Ostrom having been appointed Inspectors, made the following report:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed Inspectors of the Election for Charter Officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

GILBERT SMITH, *President.*
JOHN WATTS, Jun'r, *Vice-President.*
FELIX PASCALIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*
ANDREW ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*
NICOLL H. DERING, *Secretary.*
JOHN C. CHEESMAN,
JOSEPH M. SMITH,
ANSEL W. IVES,
PETER C. TAPPEN,
SAMUEL W. MOORE, } *Censors.*

FLOYD T. FERRIS,
JACOB OSTROM, } *Inspectors.*

The Society then balloted for five Lecturers for the ensuing year, and Drs. Clinton and Baxter having been appointed Inspectors, made the following report:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed Inspectors of the Election for Lecturers to the Medical Society, do declare the following gentlemen duly elected:

DAVID HOSACK.
JOHN WATTS, Jun'r.
ALEX'R H. STEVENS.
STEPHEN BROWN.
C. C. BLATCHLY.

JOHN BAXTER,
ALEX'R CLINTON, } *Inspectors.*

Drs. C. C. Blatchly and Manley were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Dr. David L. Rodgers was proposed as a member of this Society.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Bourne W. Budd (who was reported to the Society at the last Anniversary as not having signed the By-Laws) has forfeited his right of membership, and that Drs. John W. Weed, Christopher C. Yates, and Amos G. Hull, have not yet signed the By-Laws. The chairman of the committee on the By-Laws stated that he was ready to report.

On motion—

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns, it will adjourn to the 14th day of July inst., at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing and considering said report.

The Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 7th, 1823.

Present—Drs. Tappen, Kuypers, F. Cooper, G. Smith, Hosack, Phelps, Stearns, Cameron, Wood, Onderdonk, Hibbard, A. Anderson, Wm. Seaman, Dayton, C. C. Blatchly, Piatt, Manley, Pascalis, Hanson, Buckham, Baxter, Ives, Watts, and Monroy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Tappen, from the committee on the By-Laws of the Society reported a number of amendments, all of which were agreed to. Dr. Onderdonk from the same committee, to whom was referred the propositions of Dr. Blatchly for extending the benefits of this Society, submitted the following report:

Your committee do now call the attention of the Medical Society to the report referred to them at the last meeting. The principles set forth in said report your committee highly approve, and recommend to the Society the adoption of such means as will carry them into effect. Your committee are fully persuaded that it is necessary to devise a system of association calculated to advance the interest and honor of each individual member by its increasing the common interest and honor of the social body. For in all such cases individual good will not militate

against the common benefit, and all the means which advance the honor, usefulness, and respectability of the individuals of the Society, must advance the honor, usefulness, and respectability of the Society itself. The object of all associations is interest or improvement. At times neither object is attained, because members are sometimes too selfish, and sometimes too indolent. Where either of these dispositions predominate, the contempt of the public is the consequence. That association which adopts and acts upon the principle that the good of the whole is the good of individuals, will as certainly obtain the respect and support of public opinion, as effect follows cause. Your committee have therefore prepared a plan founded upon the above mentioned principle, and to make it as unexceptionable as possible, it is proposed to make its execution entirely voluntary.

1. At each anniversary, or as soon after as convenient, the President shall obtain information from each member whether he will agree to make one or more professional communications in writing between that and the next Anniversary Meeting. The Secretary shall record the name of each person who consents.

2. The Comitia Minora shall divide those who shall so engage into five committees or classes. The first shall read their papers at the first meeting succeeding that of the anniversary. The second one at the second meeting, and so on. If classes are appointed, then individuals of any class shall have the privilege of forming themselves into committees, and of presenting their written communications.

3. From all the communications the Comitia Minora shall make selections for publication either in some medical journal or in a separate volume, and return the other papers to the authors if called for. If the selected papers are not published at the expiration of one year, they shall no longer be considered the property of the Society, but shall be at the disposal of their respective authors.

4. The publications of the Society shall be exchanged as far as practicable for other periodical works, which added to the profits of publication, and the one dollar tax established by law, shall be appropriated exclusively to the establishment of a library, which shall be the common property of the Society.

Your committee call the attention of the Medical Society to facts. Each member contributing in the course of one year one essay, or one medical or surgical case, must produce about one hundred, therefore each member for *one* will have the benefit of nearly one hundred.

JOHN ONDERDONK, *Chairman.*

Dr. Hosack read a letter from Dr. Arnold, of Providence, detailing a case of Ischuria in a female, in which the urine ran off by the ears, breasts, stomach, and naval, a vial of which he exhibited.

Dr. Mitchill also presented a communication in similar terms, and from the same source, except that it stated that at particular times *black* urine was discharged from the several places above mentioned, a vial of which was also exhibited.

The Corresponding Secretary presented from Dr. Chabert, of New Orleans, a printed communication, entitled "Reflectiones Medicales," and also a manuscript account of the yellow fever in New Orleans from the year 1819 to the year 1822. Whereupon it was—

Resolved, That Drs. Pascalis, Baxter, and Wm. Seaman, be a committee to report to the Society on said communications.

On motion of Dr. Manley—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of disposing of the money in the possession of the Society, which by the laws of the State is appropriated to the purchase of a library, chemical apparatus, &c.

Whereupon Drs. Manley, A. Anderson, and C. C. Blatchly, were appointed that committee.

A report of the committee appointed to carry into effect the wishes of the Society respecting an out-door Lying-in-Charity, was read and adopted, and is in the words following, viz.:

The committee appointed to carry into effect the wishes of the Society in relation to an out-door Lying-in-Charity, report, that from reflecting upon the subject they have become convinced that the views of the Society would be best obtained, and the charity more effectually guarded against producing injury to any part of the profession who now receive a compensation however small from attendance upon the lower classes of the community, by lodging the power of designating the proper objects of the charity with the Commissioners of the Almshouse, whose duties render them better acquainted with the poor than the magistrates of the city.

They have accordingly conferred with these gentlemen, and received their assent to perform the required service.

The following plan is submitted for the consideration of the Society. That an out-door Lying-in-Charity be instituted under

the auspices of the Society, with the following rules and regulations:

I. That each of the wards of the city constitute a district; the 1st Ward to have two consulting and two attending accoucheurs. The 2nd Ward to have two consulting and two attending accoucheurs. The 3d Ward, two consulting and two attending accoucheurs. The 4th Ward, two consulting and three attending accoucheurs. The 5th Ward, two consulting and two attending accoucheurs. The 6th Ward, two consulting and three attending accoucheurs. The 7th Ward, two consulting and three attending accoucheurs. The 8th Ward, two consulting and three attending accoucheurs. The 9th Ward, two consulting and ——— attending accoucheurs. The 10th Ward, two consulting and four attending accoucheurs.

II. That it shall be the duty of the President annually, as soon after the anniversary election of officers as shall be convenient, to appoint the consulting and attending accoucheurs out of the physicians, members, or licentiates of this Society, or graduates of some respectable college, residing in the respective wards if they can be obtained, and to fill such vacancies as shall from resignation or other causes occur during the year.

III. That it shall be the duty of the attending accoucheurs to lodge with the Commissioners of the Almshouse a notice of their respective residences, to attend during child-birth, free of all charge, such females of their respective districts as shall produce a certificate from a Commissioner of the Almshouse of their being proper objects of the charity, and to report at the ensuing Anniversary Meeting of the Society the number of cases they have attended, the character of each labor, together with such other circumstances as they shall deem worthy of being communicated.

IV. That it shall be the duty of the consulting accoucheurs to render advice and assistance in all such cases as they shall be called to for that purpose by their respective attending accoucheurs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CHAS. DRAKE.
ANTH'Y L. ANDERSON.
JACOB OSTROM.
SAM'L S. KUYPERS.
J. HANSON.

NEW YORK, July 7th, 1823.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts respectfully report, that they have examined and found them perfectly correct. The balance in his hands derived from fees from diplomas, initiations, &c., &c., amounts to $43.37½cts., but there is due to the fund created by the law of April, 1819, (which is only applicable to the formation of a library, chemical apparatus, &c., for the use of the Society) the sum of $65.50, which was borrowed to defray the current expenses of the Society for the year 1822; there is therefore due to that fund the difference between these two sums, viz., $22.12½.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES R. MANLEY.
CORN'S C. BLATCHLY.

On motion—

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Secretary to receive and transmit to the President the names of all such persons as wish to be considered candidates for the appointment of consulting and attending accoucheurs.

Dr. Baxter offered the following proposition, viz.:

"That the Society petition the Legislature to pass an act to render the retailing of medicines less dangerous to the lives and health of the community, and to require that the apprentices of apothecaries shall so be instructed in their profession as to insure this. Also to render the degree of Master in Pharmacy necessary to be taken hereafter by all those who conduct that branch of the healing art."

Which was delayed for consideration at a future meeting.

Dr. Pascalis volunteered to furnish a written communication agreeably to the resolutions this day adopted.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held September 8th, 1823.

Present—Drs. G. Smith, Douglas, Cameron, C. C. Blatchly, J. M. Smith, Hanson, Ives, Pendleton, Piatt, Stillwell, Pascalis, Baxter, Watts, Tappen, Monroy, G. A. Cooper, A. Anderson, Hull, Cheesman, Osborne, Wood, D. Rodgers, Buckham, Stearns, J. Smith Rogers, Phelps, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

David L. Rogers was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to invite a conference with the druggists and apothecaries of this city as to the best mode of regulating the preparation and sale of medicine.

Whereupon Drs. Osborne, Hanson, Stearns, Buckham, Cameron, Baxter, and Phelps, were appointed that committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to superintend the publication of the By-Laws of this Society, together with the laws of the State relative to the study and practice of physic and surgery.

Whereupon Drs. Tappen, Manley and Dering were appointed that committee.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee to whom was referred "Reflectiones Medicales," and a manuscript concerning yellow fever in New Orleans from A.D. 1819 to 1822, by A. L. Chabert, M.D.M., read a very interesting report on the communications, which was accepted. He also offered the following preamble and resolutions: Your committee justly estimate the remarkable ingenuity and the rare industry of Monsieur J. L. Chabert, M.D.M., which are equally supported by a respectable education and medical attainments. They surmise that he will merit an honorable rank in profession in which you have the right to impart testimonials of honor and of encouragement, and they therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Monsieur J. L. Chabert, M.D.M., of New Orleans, be presented with a diploma of honorary membership of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

Which having been assented to, the Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Nov. 10th, 1823.

Present—Drs. G. Smith, D. Rogers, Ives, Drake, Onderdonk, Conger, Beck, Hibbard, C. C. Blatchly, Watts, Johnston,

Eddy, D. L. Rogers, Pascalis, Ostrom, Baxter, Manley, Dering, Osborne, Griffen, Cock, Judson, J. M. Smith, Monroy, Wm. F. Seaman, A. L. Anderson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President of the Society submitted the following report:

Your President desirous of affording the earliest information of the manner in which he has discharged the duty devolving upon him by your resolutions establishing an out-door Lying-in Charity, would acquaint the Society that he has made the following appointments. For the

1ST WARD.—James C. Bliss, Thomas Boyd, consulting; Sam'l Burrowe, Jr., James M. Pendleton, attending accoucheurs.

2ND WARD.—John Stearns, Isaac Wood, consulting; Elijah Mead, Wm. F. Seaman, attending accoucheurs.

3RD WARD.—Ansel W. Ives, Peter C. Tappan, consulting; J. Smyth Rogers, John Neilson, Jun'r., attending accoucheurs.

4TH WARD.—John C. Cheesman, Stephen Brown, consulting; David L. Rodgers, De Witt Birch, ——— Brown, attending accoucheurs.

5TH WARD.—James R. Manley, J. Hanson, consulting; Edward G. Ludlow, Andrew Hamersley, attending accoucheurs.

6TH WARD.—John J. Howe, Alex'r H. Stevens, consulting; John Davis, Hersey Baylies, ——— McVicker, attending accoucheurs.

7TH WARD.—Anthony L. Anderson, Jacob Ostrom, consulting; H. Palmer, J. H. Hunt, P. Dykers, attending accoucheurs.

8TH WARD.—Sam'l Kuypers, Chas. Drake, consulting; William Hibbard, Stephen Hasbrouck, John W. Sterling, attending accoucheurs.

9TH WARD.—Vacant.

10TH WARD.—John Watts, Jr., Joseph M. Smith, consulting; J. Stewart, J. W. Weed, Fred'k W. Jenkins, attending accoucheurs.

The President also notified the Society that John Bell, M.D., Stephen Hasbrouck, Dr. Champ ma-noir, and John Courtland Nicoll, had reported themselves to and connected themselves with the Medical Society of this county.

Dr. Osborne declining to serve on the committee of conference with the apothecaries, Dr. J. Smyth Rogers was appointed in his place.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer

with the Commissioners of the Almshouse in order to make arrangements to put into operation the out-door Lying-in Charity, and also to take such measures as they shall judge necessary to give publicity to the same.

Thereupon Drs. Manley, Onderdonk, and Drake, were appointed.

Dr. C. C. Blatchly read a lecture upon Matter and Spirit.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan. 12th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Beck, Wagner, Hull, Cheesman, Hanson, C. C. Blatchly, Piatt, Hosack, Jacques, Griffen, Tappen, Baxter, Ives, Buckham, J. Kearney Rodgers, Dering, Hamersley, A. Anderson, Johnston, Osborne, Stearns, Cock, Cameron, Sweeney.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Ransom Warner having been examined for a license by the Comitia Minora, and having been recommended by them to the Medical Society for a public examination, appeared, was examined by the Censors, and duly invested by the Society with the privileges of practising physic and surgery in this State.

Dr. Hosack read a lecture upon the diseases communicated by the parents to the fœtus in utero.

On motion of Dr. Hamersley—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the character of small-pox as it at this time prevails in this city, and that modification of it known as varioloid, and to ascertain how far after previous vaccination the system is susceptible of the one or the other.

Whereupon Drs. Hamersley, Osborne, Stearns, J. K. Rodgers, and Beck, were appointed.

Dr. Cock read a letter from Dr. Parish, of Philadelphia, on the varioloid disease.

On motion of Dr. Hanson—

Resolved, That this Society have undiminished confidence in the kine pock as a preventative of small-pox, and that it views any attempts on the part of any medical man or men to extend

the small-pox by innoculation as highly injurious to the interests of the community.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to cause this resolution to be published in four of the daily papers of this city.

A letter from Dr. Amos G. Hull, with specimens of his patent hinge truss, was received and read, and Drs. Post, Mott, and J. Kearney Rodgers, were appointed a committee to examine the same, and report to this Society.

Dr. Hanson proposed Dr. Augustus Fitz Randolph Taylor, late President of the New Jersey State Medical Society, as an honorary member, and Dr. Garrit Van Doren as an ordinary member of this Society. The Secretary proposed Dr. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer as an ordinary member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 8th, 1824.

Present—Drs. G. Smith, Stillwell, Monroy, Ostrom, Cheesman, Swift, Hanson, Pascalis, D. L. Rodgers, G. A. Cooper, Hamersley, A. Anderson, J. Kearney Rodgers, Johnston, Osborne, Manley, Watts, Hibbard, Dering, Tappen, Onderdonk, Eddy, D. Rogers, Stearns, Browne, Baxter, Hosack, Dayton, J. Smyth Rogers, Beck.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of the small-pox reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The committee appointed to confer with the apothecaries of the city respecting the regulation and sale of medicine, reported that they were unable to effect a conference, and requested to be discharged, which request having been complied with, it was—

On motion—

Resolved, That Drs. J. Smyth Rogers, Ostrom, Hanson, Johnston, Tappen, and Stearns, be appointed a committee to devise measures for the better regulation for the preparation and sale of medicine in this city, and that said committee report at the next meeting of the Society.

On motion of Dr. Hanson—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Health to ascertain whether they have not the power to make some regulations which may suppress the further progress of the small-pox, and if so, to urge the necessity of such a regulation, and to proffer the exertions of this Society to carry the same into effect.

Which resolution was ordered to lie upon the table.

Dr. Brown read a lecture on Enlargement of the Spermatic Vein. Dr. Post was discharged from the committee appointed to consider Dr. Hull's trusses, and Dr. Cheesman appointed in his place.

Dr. Osborne proposed Andrew Hamersley, M.D., as an ordinary member of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary deposited a copy of an Essay on the Yellow Fever in America, by Mons'r P. F. Thomas, Secretary of the Medical Society of Louisania, and honorary member of this institution. Whereupon—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be transmitted to the author by the Corresponding Secretary.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the meaning of the 2nd Art. of the 6th Chapter of the By-Laws.

Whereupon Drs. Onderdonk, Osborne, Stearns, Ostrom, and Manley, were appointed.

A letter was received from John Clark, Junior, M.D., resigning his seat as a member of the Medical Society, and it was voted that Dr. Clark's resignation be accepted.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held May 10th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Wood, Cheesman, Griffen, Stearns, Hamersley, Manley, Hibbard, Swift, Dayton, Pascalis, Wright, Watts, Onderdonk, Ostrom, Osborne, Monroy, J. Smyth Rogers, Dering, Hosack, J. Kearney Rodgers, Baxter, Johnston, D. Rodgers, D. L. Rogers, Brown, A. Anderson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The minutes of an extra meeting of the Comitia Minora, called to express a tribute of respect to the memory of Dr. William Moore, were then read, and in conformity to a resolution of said meeting, the Vice-President, Dr. Watts, read a memoir on his character, and the professional and moral estimation in which he was held by this community, which it was resolved should be placed upon the minutes of the Society.

Dr. Hamersley from the committee appointed to investigate the character of small-pox as it at present prevails in this city, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again, and

On motion of Dr. Hosack, it was—

Resolved, That when the Society adjourn, it will adjourn to the first Monday in June, to hear the report of said committee.

The Lecturer, Dr. Watts, read a case of Nyctalopia.

Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, from the committee on the regulation and sale of medicine, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee to whom was referred Dr. Hull's communication and trusses, reported in favor of the same, and a copy of said report was ordered to be furnished to Dr. Hull on application to the Secretary.

Dr. Onderdonk, from the committee to whom was referred the 2nd Article of the 6th Chapter of the By-Laws, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the 2nd Article of the 6th Chap. of By-Laws be suspended, and that the committee on By-Laws be instructed to frame a law imposing such tax as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That Drs. Stearns, Brown, and Ostrom, be the committee to revise the By-Laws, to report at the next Anniversary Meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee on the By-Laws be requested to pay particular attention to those concerning the Comitia Minora, and so to amend them as to secure the fulfilment of the duties by an alteration in the number necessary to form a quorum.

Dr. Buckham proposed Robert Muter, M.D. Dr. Hibbard proposed Dr. C. L. Oakley, and Dr. Cheesman proposed Dr. John Davis as ordinary members of the Society. Dr. Augustus Fitz Randolph Taylor, late President of the New Jersey State Medical Society, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

Copy of Dr. Watts memoir of the life of Dr. William Moore.

I rise to perform a mournful duty which, in the absence of the President, now devolves upon me. Since the last meeting of the Society, it has been deprived by death of one of its oldest and most esteemed members; one who had practised physic for more than forty years in our own city, had witnessed almost the first efforts that were made for the improvement of medicine in our State, and all the subsequent forms and changes of its medical institutions.

He aided in the establishment, and was present at the organization, of this Society; was afterwards elected to the office and discharged with fidelity the duties of President, and continued to promote its views by useful practical communications.

You will have observed by the minutes of the Comitia Minora that they have not been unmindful of these claims for a respectful notice to the memory of the late Dr. Moore.

Higher motives however than those of long acquaintance and official relationship have influenced your committee in calling for this notice to the memory of our departed associate, and the feelings of all must vibrate in unison with these motives, for they arise out of the triumphant recollections of the moral and religious beauties of his character, which have not only already raised for him the perishable monuments of earthly materials, and called forth the laudatory strains of obituary notices, but have stamped upon the hearts of his family and friends the joyous conviction that the commendatory sentence of his Judge will raise up for him an eternal and spiritual monument of his unspeakable love. It may now be gratifying to us, and we may derive some improvement from a retrospect of his life.

He was born at Newtown, on Long Island, in the year 1754, where he received the benefit of a classical education.

In the winter of 1775 he was engaged in attending lectures in Kings, now Columbia College, and afterwards acted for more than a year in the capacity of a mate at the Military Hospital in this city. In 1778 he went to England, and after spending a short time in London, proceeded to Edinburgh, then the most celebrated school of medicine in the world, where he studied

medicine under the direction of that distinguished host of professors which then occupied the chairs of that university, viz., Munro, Black, Cullen, Gregory, Hope, Young, Home, and that celebrated and eccentric genius, Brown. In June, 1780, he graduated and submitted an inaugural dissertation on the properties of the Bile. Soon after this he returned to his native town, where he resided till the year 1783, when he removed to this city, and remained here practising the duties of his profession until the close of his life.

His attention was always more specially directed to the practice of Midwifery, in which he acquired very extensive experience and practised with great success, keeping a record of all the cases which he attended from the year 1781 to 1823, which amounted to nearly 3,000 cases.

This was not a mere record of the names of his patients, and the time of their delivery, but an expanded account of the origin and progress of each case, and a particular recital of every unusual incident which occurred. Indeed, his industry and exact attention to business constituted remarkable traits in his character, and tho' with a slender frame, and apparently a feeble constitution, yet he endured great fatigue and much trying exposure from the interruption of his rest.

His practice generally as a private physician, or as one of the public physicians of the old Almshouse, now the New York institution, was successful, and always distinguished by the simplicity and freedom from mystery and ostentation that marked his character. He exhibited the rare quality of attention to professional study and reflection, and the laborious duties of practice.

Few men of our city of so early an education and in a similar situation in life have manifested greater interest in his profession, or paid greater attention to the improvements which are constantly suggested in medicine. His mind was active and always alive to new occurrences in practice. Several of the publications of our city are indebted to him for interesting professional communications, but professional vanity or display found no place in his character. He was remarkable for the unobtrusiveness of his opinion, for great urbanity and cheerfulness of manners, the amiability of his disposition, and the uniform benevolence of his heart.

Very few men have passed through life with so little interruption to the love and regard of those around him. Blessed in his family, respected and esteemed by his friends, and properly valued by the community, he died universally deplored after a long illness, at the advanced age of seventy, having lived in the enjoyment of the Christain faith, an example worthy of the imi-

tation of our profession, and a striking illustration of the correctness of the observation, that the Christian religion is not only consistent with, but especially suited to the profession of medicine. May it therefore be the earnest desire of us all to die the death of the righteous, that our latter end may be like his, and while we contemplate with fond recollection the excellent character of this deceased member of our Society, let us endeavour to feel the full force of that sublime moral of his life, to go and do likewise.

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held June 7th, 1824, for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on the Small-pox, and that modification of it known by the name of Varioloid.

Present—Drs. Osborn, Judson, Buckham, Ives, Stearns, J. K. Rodgers, Tappen, B. R. Kissam, Cheesman, C. C. Blatchley, Baxter, Francis, Hunter, Hanson, Manley, F. Cooper, Dayton, Hosack, G. Smith, Dering, Griffen, Onderdonk, Weed, Pascalis, Yates, Cock, Beck, Browne, J. Smyth Rogers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Hamersley, from the committee on the Small-pox, and that modification of it known by the name of Varioloid, submitted a report which was read and accepted.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had received from the Secretary of the Royal Society of Medicine, of Marseilles, and editor of a periodical Journal of Medicine, twenty-five numbers of the same for the use of, and as his offering to, the County Medical Society of New York, of which the members are informed that they may, on application, have the reading of the same.

The Corresponding Secretary proposed Mons'r P. M. Roux, M.D., Secretary of the Society of Medicine of Marseilles, an honorary member, and Richard Pennell, M.D., an ordinary member of the Society.

Society adjourned.

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 6th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Ferris, Hosack, Sterling, Stearns, Watts, Francis, Cheesman, Buckham, A. L. Anderson, Beck, Brooks, Conger, Dunnell, Jacques, Onderdonk, Sweeney, D. L. Rogers, Tappen, Kuypers, Osborn, C. C. Blatchly, Hanson, Dekay, Drake, A. T. Hunter, Hull, Beekman, Brush, F. Cooper, Helme, McAuley, Ostrom, Winthrop, Dering, Pascalis, Ives, Monroy, Cockroft, Piatt, B. R. Kissam, D. Rogers, Moore, T. W. Hunter, Brown, Bliss, Cameron, Dayton, Hibbard, McNevin, Phelps, Wright, Eddy, Robson, J. Kearney Rodgers, J. M. Smith, A. Anderson, Pendleton, Johnston, G. A. Cooper, Baxter, E. S. Blatchly, Boyd, Cock, Douglass, Howe, Manley, Stillwell, Wood.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the minutes of the Comitia Minora for the past year were read and approved.

The Comitia Minora reported that the testimonials produced by Dr. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Robert Muter, M.D., Dr. John Davis, Andrew Hamersley, M.D., and Dr. Richard Ver Meule, were satisfactory, and the Society proceeded to ballot for them, when they were elected members of the same.

On motion of Dr. Pascalis, the usual recommendations of the Comitia Minora were dispensed with in the case of Richard Pennell, M.D., who was duly elected a member of this Society.

Dr. Richard Ver Meule, Dr. John Davis, and Richard Pennell, M.D., appeared, signed the constitution, and took their seats in the Society.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for their officers for the ensuing year, and Drs. Conger and Howe having been appointed Inspectors, made the following report:

The Inspectors appointed on the election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the New York County Medical Society, July, 6th, 1824, report that

DAVID HOSACK, M.D., is elected *President.*
JOHN WATTS, Jun., M.D., *Vice-President.*
NICOLL H. DERING, M.D., *Secretary.*
DAVID ROGERS, M.D., *Treasurer.*

And for the office of *Corresponding Secretary*, FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., and ANSEL W. IVES received each an equal number of votes.

(Signed) JOHN S. CONGER, } *Inspectors.*
JOHN J. HOWE, }

Drs. C. C. Blatchly and Dunnell having been appointed Inspectors of the Election for Censors, made the following report:

We, the undersigned, Inspectors of the Election of Censors of the Medical Society, July 6th, 1824, certify that the following gentlemen are elected:

SAMUEL W. MOORE, M.D.,
JOHN C. CHEESMAN, M.D.,
JOHN B. BECK, M.D.,
PETER C. TAPPEN, M.D.,
JOHN STEARNS, M.D.,
} *Censors.*

(Signed) C. C. BLATCHLY,
E. G. DUNNELL,
} *Inspectors.*

Drs. Phelps and Sweeney having been appointed Inspectors for the Election of Lecturers of the Medical Society, July 6th, 1824, certify that the following gentlemen are elected:

JOHN B. BECK, M.D.,
ELBRIDGE G. DUNNELL, M.D.,
JOHN W. FRANCIS, M.D.,
SAMUEL W. MOORE, M.D.,
JOHN STEARNS, M.D.,
} *Lecturers.*

(Signed) J. L. PHELPS,
HUGH SWEENEY,
} *Inspectors.*

The Society now proceeded to a second ballot for Corresponding Secretary, and Drs. Baxter and Kuypers having been appointed Inspectors of the Election, made the following report:

We, the undersigned, certify that FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., has been elected *Corresponding Secretary* of the New York County Society, July 6th, 1824.

(Signed) JOHN W. BAXTER,
SAM'L S. KUYPERS,
} *Inspectors.*

Benjamin McVicar, M.D., Edward Ludlow, M.D., and Albert Smith, M.D., were proposed as candidates for membership of this Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Monday 12th instant.

Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 12th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Weed, Hosack, Francis, Ives, D. L. Rogers, Osborn, Sterling, Phelps, Monroy, Ver Meule, Baxter, Griffen, G. A. Cooper, Onderdonk, Swift, Brown, C. C. Blatchly, Sweeny, Manley, A. Anderson, Drake, J. K. Rodgers, Beck, Hibbard, Neilson, Hanson, Stearns, Dering, Pascalis, Pendleton, Judson, McNevin, Peixotto, Robson, Ostrom, A. L. Anderson, Wright.

The President having taken the chair delivered an inaugural address.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be directed to publish forthwith the address delivered this day by the President.

Dr. Stearns, from the committee on the By-Laws, made the following report:

The committee appointed to revise the By-Laws respectfully report, Chap. VI, Treasurer:

1st. That the second article be repealed.

2nd. The following article be adopted in its stead:

ART. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to put all monies of the Society into one fund, to be appropriated to the payment of current expenses, or such other objects or improvements as the Society may occasionally direct, pursuant to the 7th Sec. of the Statute of 1813, and the amendment of 1819.

3rd. Chap. X, Comitia Minora. That the following amendment be added to the fourth article: "for the examination of candidates, but any four members may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

4th. That the following amendment be added to the fifth article: "together with the names of the attending and absent members, and if it shall appear that any member has been absent for three meetings in succession without having assigned any satisfactory reason, he shall be ineligible to office for the year ensuing."

JOHN STEARNS, *Chair'n.*

The following alterations were also made: Chap. X, Art. 6th, amended so as to read thus: All communications, memoirs, essays on medical subjects, after having been read and accepted by the Medical Society, may be submitted to the Comitia

Minora for their subsequent examination, by who mthey may be ordered to be published.

Chap. 1, Art. 2, amended so as to read thus: The Stated Meetings shall be on the second Monday of every month except July.

On motion—

Resolved, That Drs. Beck, J. K. Rodgers, and Hanson, be a committee to examine certain papers submitted to the Society by the President.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to publish the names of the officers of the Society.

Resolved, That that this meeting when it adjourns will adjourn to this day fortnight.

The following persons were proposed as ordinary members of this Society: John Bell, M.D., John Neilson, Jun., M.D., Cyrus Perkins, M.D., Dr. William Rockwell, and Dr. Hampton Dunham.

Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 26, 1824.

Present—Drs. Hosack, A. Anderson, Weed, Peixotto, Wilson, Brown, Ostrom, Cockroft, Cock, Cameron, Tappen, Griffen, Baxter, Beck, Manley, Phelps, Wood, D. Rogers, Francis, Sweeny, Osborn, Pascalis, J. K. Rodgers, Watts, Davis, Dunnell, Ives, D. L. Rogers, F. Cooper, Drake, A. L. Anderson, Onderdonk, Hamersley, Pennell, C. C. Blatchly, Hibbard, E. S. Blatchly, Ver Meule, Cheesman, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that in consequence of an error and some omissions in the last two pages of his address, he wished the privilege of making the necessary corrections, which, on motion, was granted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward to the Secretary of the State Medical Society five copies

of the late address of the President for each of the County Medical Societies in this State.

On motion of Dr. Beck, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Gilbert Smith, M.D., late President of the Society, for the ability and impartiality with which he discharged the various duties appertaining to the presidential office.

The subject of the By-Laws was then taken up, and it was—

Resolved, That Chap. XII, Art. II, be amended so as to read thus: "It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to answer before the Comitia Minora to complaints made against him, and in case of refusal to answer when required, the name of such member shall be reported to the Society."

Resolved, That the members of this Society will contribute each one dollar for its expenses for the present year.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to consider what particular subjects proposed by the President in his late address for the improvement of medical science, demand the immediate attention of the Society.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis, Watts, Onderdonk, Beck, and J. K. Rodgers, were appointed said committee.

The following gentlemen were proposed as ordinary members: Charles Cleeves, M.D., Thomas A. Duffy, M.D., Robert Greenhow, M.D., John L. Sulkley, M.D., Raoul de Champenois, M.D., and Dr. Zebulon W. Seaman.

The President proposed Robley Dunglison, M.D., of London, as an honorary member of this Society.

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn to this day fortnight.

Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary and Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Aug. 9th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Hosack, G. A. Cooper, Weed, Baxter, Wm. F. Seaman, Cheesman, Brown, Pascalis, A. Hamersley, Onderdonk, Delafield, Beck, Manley, Brooks, J. K. Rodgers, Osborn, Ives, Cameron, Howe, Phelps, Dering, Davis, Peixotto, Stearns, Cock, Van Rensselaer, D. L. Rogers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the subjects for the improvement of medical science, embraced in the President's address, made the following report:

"The committee formed on the 26th inst. to inquire into the subjects of improvement in medical science proposed by the President, beg leave to report:

"1st. That it is expedient to procure a census of physicians and surgeons of the City and County, drawn up under four distinct classes of legal license by a committee of two in each ward, provided they all form a general committee, better to distribute and arrange among themselves their respective labours. They will also add to said census a fifth column of persons practising without legal license, the whole of which shall be reported as soon as completed for the use of the Society.

"II. On the subject of quack remedies, your committee fully aware of their evil consequences, beg leave to suggest that however difficult it might be totally to suppress all impositions by which they are brought into use and notice, it is at least in the power of the Medical Society to forbid regular physicians to countenance them by their approbation or certificates, and therefore propose that a copy of the system of medical ethics be furnished to every member of the Society, and that a special committee be directed to report what are the nature and effects of certain panaceas now most in repute, and that said report be obtained and presented at a defined period of time for the consideration of the Society.

"III. Quarterly reports of meteorological observations are also contemplated by the President as a necessary provision under the authority of the Medical Society. It is indeed the more desirable that after having been during many years supported by public authority, and obtained at public expense, such reports are at present much neglected, or seldom depended upon.

"Your committee anticipates under the permanent authority of this institution, the establishment of good meteorological tables could be provided, and the committee proposed that this subject be placed under the vigilance and direction of the Comitia Minora, with power to procure instruments and appoint one or two persons competent to the task.

"IV. In conformity with the By-Laws, five Lecturers only were chosen at the last election; the Society are therefore reminded that an additional number remains to be provided for. Commencing therefore at the Stated Meeting in September, there will be ten meetings previous to the next Anniversary,

which requires five more Lecturers. Your committee beg leave to recommend also, that any Lecturer who by sickness or any cause could not prepare or deliver his communication, be permitted to transfer his task to any member he chooses, giving previous notice of it to the Secretary, who shall assign a convenient meeting when such member may read his communication, and notify him of the same.

"V. The President having adduced the necessity of procuring ample means of information for the members whose individual circumstances may not enable them to have access to the necessary sources of knowledge, your committee cannot but assent to and express the same wish; by depending upon a considerable donation of books promised by this officer; aware also that many of our fellow members will readily add to the collection, and that a moderate yearly contribution already designated by law and subscribed to by the members, may ultimately be obtained from all licensed physicians of the county, think nothing more is requisite to realize the establishment of a library, but would suggest the following provisions: 1st. A proper, safe and accessible place of deposit for the library. 2nd. A librarian, and regulations for the keeping, use and care of the books, and the incidental acquisitions and donations, and probable delinquencies.

"VI. To do honor and justice to our departed predecessors, tutors, or friends, to record their merit and arduous services, to hold up their examples to the present and future generations, to erect a monument of gratitude for the provisions and privileges which they have obtained or prepared for us—a monument which will be equally honorable to our institution as edifying to the community and county. The President advises that biographical collections of documents, or encomiastic notices already communicated, be arranged and published in a volume, and under the auspices of the Society, to the memory of as many eminent physicians of this city as he has feelingly adduced to our recollection.

"Your committee returns their earnest desire for the accomplishment of this noble project, surmising that the interesting and instructive materials of such a book cannot fail enhancing its value, and securing advantageous offers from publishers. They also recommend that the committee formed on the occasion should unite as much talents, local experience, and acquaintance with our deceased brethren as the medical order can furnish.

"All which is respectfully submitted by

"FELIX PASCALIS, *Chairman.*"

Which report having been twice read was accepted, and the

following committees were appointed to superintend its execution:

On the 1st paragraph, respecting a census of physicians, &c., Drs. Pascalis, Pendleton, Beck, G. A. Cooper, Robson, Hanson, Dunnell, Blatchly, and Winthrop.

On the 2nd paragraph, concerning quack remedies, &c., Drs. Stearns, Brown, Peixotto, J. K. Rodgers, and Ives.

On the 5th paragraph, concerning a library, &c., Drs. Van Rensselaer, J. K. Rodgers, Cheesman.

On the 6th paragraph, biography of deceased members, Drs. Hosack, Mitchill, Watts, Pascalis, Francis, Manley, Beck, Akerly, and Cock.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee on quack remedies report at the meeting in November.

Resolved, That Drs. Hosack, Onderdonk, Cock, and Dering, be a committee to superintend the publication of the By-Laws.

The following article was added to the By-Laws:

Chap. 7th, Art. 3rd. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each person proposed as a member of this Society that he has been proposed, and to transmit to him a copy of the first article of the thirteenth chapter of the By-Laws.

Dr. P. M. Roux, of Marseilles, was elected an honorary member of the Society.

The Society proceeded to ballot for five Lecturers in addition to those already elected for the current year, and on counting the ballots it appeared that the following gentlemen were elected:

STEPHEN BROWN, M.D.
THOMAS COCK, M.D.
FELIX PASCALIS, M.D.
WM. F. SEAMAN M.D.
JER'H VAN RENSSELAER, M.D.

Dr. William Ireland and Elijah Mead, M.D., were proposed as ordinary members of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held September 13th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Cock, Wm. F. Seaman, Monroy, Eddy, Manley, Sweeny, Ostrom, Phelps, Pascalis, Stearns, B. R. Kissam, Hanson, Osborn, Cameron, F. Cooper, Cheesman, Weed, D. Rogers, Kuypers, Baxter, J. K. Rodgers, Buckham, Hibbard, Hamersley, Dunnell, Pendleton, Van Rensselaer, D. L. Rogers, Onderdonk, A. L. Anderson, G. A. Cooper, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen recommended by the Comitia Minora were elected ordinary members of the Society: J. R. Raoul, M.D., Charles Cleeve, M.D., Elijah Mead, M.D., Edward Ludlow, M.D., John Bell, M.D., Robert Greenhow, M.D., Dr. Zebulon W. Seaman, Thos. A. Duffy, M.D., Benj'n McVicker, M.D., Albert Smith, M.D., John Neilson, Jr., M.D., John L. Sulkley, M.D.

The committee on quack remedies made a report, which was laid on the table, and the committee discharged.

On motion—

Resolved, That Drs. Pascalis, McNeven, Drake, Greenhow, and Baxter, be a committee to consider this subject.

The library committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the proposed establishment of a library beg leave to report,

That after several meetings and conversations on the subject, they advise most earnestly the adoption of some plan to procure gradually such a collection of books on medical science as shall be commensurate with the proposed utility of our institution.

In the present situation of the funds of the Society, your committee deem it inexpedient to urge any measures for the immediate acquisition of a library, the cost of such an establishment, such an one at least as might be termed "The Library of the Medical Society of New York," would be far beyond our present means, even though upheld by the Act of our Incorporation. The Society is authorized by the 17th Sect. of our Act, to collect from each of its members the yearly sum of three dollars for the purpose of forming a medical library, &c. But as eleven years have passed since the enactment of this law, and during that time it has lain void, your committee are unwilling to make an immediate call for the full sum allowed by law; they are not the less unwilling as their present proposal is new, and requires time to test its utility.

Your committee acknowledge in common with all their brethren, the great value of standard medical works, and the benefits accruing from a constant and diligent acquaintance with the writings of the best medical authors of the present day. The life of a physician is one of study. Independent of his cares as a man, he has the double of the preserver of life, and the soother of maladies.

It is his province, it is his duty to store his mind with every fact that throws light upon his dark and intricate profession, and in reading through volumes of metaphysical research and professional controversies he should be content to search the bushel of chaff for the one valuable kernel it may contain.

In the American and European periodical journals, we use most of the recent discoveries and valuable observations made in our profession. Scarce is a new fact elicited but it is thrown into a journal to enlighten the distant practitioner, and the rapidity of circulation, combined with the responsibility of the editors, render such works peculiarly acceptable.

When supported by men of science and intelligence, they form the cheapest and most direct vehicles of knowledge.

In a few words, and in an unostentatious form, they present the essence of many books. When Dr. Thompson, Dr. Johnson, Chas. Bell, Magendie, the Colquets, Orfila, and Marjolum, edit works, we expect to find them good, and we do so.

Your committee therefore suggest that a library committee of three be appointed to procure a number of American and European journals for the use of the Society, and that one dollar be collected annually from each member for this purpose. They recommend the following works to be taken, viz.:

New York Medical Repository - - (Price per annum)	$3.00
New York Medical and Physical Journal - - - -	4.00
New York Monthly Magazine - - - - - - -	2.00
Philadelphia Medical and Physical Journal - - -	5.00
New England Medical Journal - - - - - - -	4.00
Johnson's London Quarterly Journal - - - - -	5.00
Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal - - - -	6.00
Bell's Quarterly Journal - - - - - - - -	5.00
London Medical and Physical Journal - - - -	8.00
London Medical Repository - - - - - - -	8.00
Journal de Physiologie, by Magendie - - - - -	4.75
Nouveau Journal de Medicine, Chirurgie et Pharmacie, Edited by the Colquets, Marjolum, and Orfila - -	7.50
Journal Universelle des Sciences Medicales - - -	7.50
Transactions of the Medico-Chirurgical Society - - -	5.00
Dublin Hospital Reports - - - - - - -	3.00
	$78.25

The cost of these works, making 30 volumes a year, will be about $80 a year.

The surplus of the funds of the first year your committee suggest may be expended in the purchase of a bookcase.

The Trustees of the College have not met since our last meeting, which is the only reason why your committee have not petitioned for a place in this room for our books.

In recommending this course your committee are stimulated by the hope that each year adding to your number of volumes, you will soon have a large and valuable collection of documents worthy of study and recollection. Should the experiment succeed, the next year perhaps will allow you an opportunity of making additions of new works.

Your committee cannot conclude without adverting to the signal liberality of your President, manifested by his late offer of a very valuable donation.

It forms at once a nucleus on which eventually to erect a library, and perhaps a still more extensive establishment, embracing a Philosophical Apparatus, and a collection of Materia Medica, so very valuable to the young practitioner.

Should the present exertion succeed, would it be too much to anticipate with some prospect of success, the establishment of a Hall, under the direction of this Society, for pharmaceutical purposes, similar to Apothecaries Hall in London. Such an institution would secure to us at all times pure drugs, and the best medicines, and save us from imposition. It is worthy of the most serious attention of the Society, but it is foreign to our present report.

Your committee hope in concluding that members will bear in mind, that altho' no step is urged to procure a library immediately, yet that the measures now proposed are laid before you with an ultimate view to that object, and they hope that members may follow the example set by their President.

It is by combined effort that our end must be finally obtained; individual exertions can do much, but our united co-operation is requisite for the eventual establishment of a library.

JEREMIAH VAN RENSSELAER, *Chairman.*

NEW YORK, Sept. 13th, 1824.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Society of July 2nd, 1810, by which certain members of the Society were declared to have forfeited their membership, be rescinded.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 11th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Pascalis, Peixotto, Cheesman, D. L. Rogers, Hart, D. Rogers, Jacques, C. C. Blatchly, Dering, Manley, Beck, Brown, Eddy, Johnson, Delafield, Brush, F. Cooper, Baxter, Osborn, Hicks, Bayley, B. R. Kissam, Phelps, Cock, Weed, Raoul, Hosack, G. A. Cooper, Onderdonk, A. Hamersley, Wood, Seaman, Wright.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The chairman of the census committee reported that a list of all the practitioners of physic in the County had been completed and handed in except from two wards, which might be expected in a few days, and submitted the following resolutions, which were passed:

Resolved, That the reports of the ward committees on the census be referred to the Comitia Minora, in order to be revised. That they have authority to correct them by adding names omitted, or erasing such as may be thought proper to suppress. That the ten reports be united into one, and engrossed according to the four indicated columns only of regular and licensed physicians and surgeons bearing title of "The Census of Practitioners of Physic in the County of New York for the year 1824."

That the said roll of the census remain in the hands of the two Secretaries for the use of the County Medical Society, and that the committee for preparing the census be discharged.

On motion of Dr. Eddy, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the causes of the too frequent failure in communicating the Cow Pock, and that they be directed to devise such means as may be deemed practicable to receive the virus in a state of purity, and report thereon to this Society.

Upon which resolution Drs. Peixotto, Beck, and Bell, were appointed.

The Lecturer, Dr. Brown, read a case of Delirium Tremens.

Dr. Manley, in the place of Dr. Beck, read a lecture upon Menstruation.

Drs. Hampton Dunham, Garrit Van Dorsen, and William Rockwell, were elected ordinary members of the Society.

Henry Smith, M.D., and George B. Taylor, M.D., were proposed as candidates for membership.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held November 8th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Piatt, McIntosh, Monroy, Hosack, Stearns, Weed, Drake, Hanson, Swift, Walker, Pascalis, Buckham, Hibbard, Manley, Ostrom, Baxter, W. F. Seaman, Brown, A. L. Anderson, D. L. Rogers, J. K. Rodgers, Minor, Peixotto, Vermeule, Beck, Cutter, Pendleton, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Geo. B. Taylor, M.D., and Samuel Henry Smith, M.D., having been recommended by the Comitia Minora as proper candidates for membership of the Society, were duly elected.

The committees on Cow Pock and Quack Remedies reported progress.

James H. Hart, M.D., Frederick G. King, M.D., and Washington Murray, M.D., were proposed as candidates for membership.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare instructions for the Delegate to the State Medical Society, to report at the next meeting.

And Drs. Beck, Stearns, Hanson, Hibbard, and Drake, were appointed.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held December 13th, 1824.

Present—Drs. Taylor, Cheesman, See, Moore, Robson, C. C. Blatchly, Vermeule, Swift, Brown, Wright, Watts, Peixotto, E. S. Blatchly, Baxter, Stearns, Z. W. Seaman, Onderdonk, A. Hamersley, Pendleton, Pascalis, D. Rogers, Beck, Manley, W. Hamersley, B. P. Kissam, D. L. Rogers, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John C. Covel and Mr. George Cox having produced satisfactory testimonials, and having been examined by the Censors and recommended by the Comitia Minora to a public examination, were so examined, and publicly invested with the privileges of practising physic and surgery in this State, and

were addressed by the Vice-President on the duties and responsibilities of their office.

Washington Murray, M.D., and Frederick G. King, M.D., were balloted for, and duly elected members of the Society.

Dr. Beck, chairman of the committee to instruct the Delegate, introduced a report which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

A letter from Dr. Fitz Randolph Taylor was read, and the Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Jan. 10th, 1825.

Present—Drs. McIntosh, J. Kearny Rodgers, Wright, A. Hamersley, W. Seaman, Buckham, Hibbard, Dering, Hanson, Swift, A. Smith, Beck, Stillwell, Vermeule, Sweeney, Walker, T. W. Hunter, Cheesman, Dunham, Peixotto, Johnson, Hosack, Manley, Brooks, Pascalis, W. Rockwell, Baxter, Pendleton, B. P. Kissam, Wood, D. Rogers, D. L. Rogers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Peixotto, chairman of the committee on Cow Pock, reported progress, and

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Eddy be added to that committee.

Dr. Pascalis, chairman of the committee on Quack Remedies, reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

Dr. Hanson read a voluntary communication describing a case of adhesion of the tongue to the cheeks.

A petition of physicians and surgeons of the State of New York to the Legislature for the incorporation of an Apothecaries Company was read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That the same be referred to the committee for devising measures for the better regulation of the preparation and sale of medicine, and that the President and Corresponding Sec. be added to that committee.

Dr. Hanson, from the committee for the better preparation and sale of medicine, reported that they had not lost sight of the

objects of their appointment, and that a disposition appeared to prevail among the druggists to carry said objects into effect.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a list of the illegal and unauthorized practitioners of physic in this city; and also to prepare a corrected list of all those authorized to practice.

Which resolution was referred to the former committee on the the Census, and power given to add to their number ten other members.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to give public notice that a list of all the legally authorized physicians and surgeons in this city has been completed under the authority of the Medical Society, requesting all those who have been called upon, and also those who may have escaped the notice of the Society, to call at his house and examine and correct the same, preparatory to a publication of a corrected list.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to inform those gentlemen appointed as Lecturers, who have not yet peformed that duty, that it is the expectation of the Society, that at each future meeting some paper be read in compliance with the terms of their appointment.

Joseph C. Arnold, M.D., was proposed as an ordinary member of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Feb. 14th, 1825.

Present—Drs. D. Rogers, D. L. Rogers, J. K. Rodgers, Wilson, Bell, Rockwell, Swift, Peixotto, Van Rensselaer, A. Hamersley, Pascalis, Hull, Walker, Taylor, Cheesman, Dering.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Dr. Pascalis was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary being unable to remain, Dr. J. K. Rodgers was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

The public examination of two candidates for license was to have taken place, but one Censor only being present, on motion

of Dr. Van Rensselaer, the Society adjourned to meet again to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

The Secretary was directed to request the punctual attendance of the Censors.

Society adjourned.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Feb'y 15th, 1825.

Present—Drs. J. K. Rodgers, Manley, A. Hamersley, D. W. Kissam, Hull, T. H. Smith, D. L. Rogers, Johnson, Pascalis, Swift, Murray, Hanson, Watts, Stearns, Dering.

In the absence of the Pres't, Vice-Pres't, and Censors, Dr. Pascalis was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. John F. Gray and Merrit H. Cash having been recommended by the Comitia Minora to a public examination, were examined by Drs. Manley, and J. K. Rodgers, in the absence of the Censors, and duly admitted by the Society to the privilege of practicing physic and surgery in this State.

Having signed the obligation required by the Society, they were addressed by the presiding officer.

Resolved, That, the strangers having retired, the Society proceed to the transaction of ordinary business.

The Delegate to the State Medical Society presented the following report:

The Delegate to the State Medical Society reports that he attended the meeting of said Society, convened the first week of February instant, and that the most interesting incidents of which it is necessary to inform this Society are, the unanimity with which the State Society passed upon the recommendation of this Society in relation to the amendments of the laws regulating physic and surgery, and the application to the Legislature for an annuity to enable them more completely to carry into full effect the views which the State had in chartering them. The Society are also informed that the prize medals offered at the last session for the best dissertation on Consumption, are to be adjudicated on or before the first day of April next. Four competitors have transmitted their dissertations.

The prize question on Hooping Cough has been continued for

the next year, as but one dissertation on the subject was offered. The prizes for the next year are for the best dissertation on Hooping Cough, and on the disease styled American Goitre.

Stephen Hasbrouck, M.D., John I. Ingersoll, M.D., John Hales Gosman, M.D., and Marinus Willett, Jr., M.D., were proposed as ordinary members of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 14th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Manley, Stearns, Pennell, Dunham, D. Rogers, Hibbard, Wright, J. K. Rogers, Baxter, Osborn, Beck, Rockwell, Cock, D. L. Rogers, Weed, Swift, Brooks, Davis, G. A. Cooper, Cheesman, Dayton, Winthrop, Sterling, Pascalis, B. R. Kissam, Taylor, Onderdonk, Peixotto, A. Hamersley, Murray, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Erastus B. Burroughs having been recommended by the Comitia Minora to a second examination before the Society, was examined by the Censors, and duly invested by the Society with the privileges of practicing physic and surgery in this State. Having signed the obligation required by the Society, he was addressed by the Vice-President.

Drs. Elias Wolfe and William Grayson were proposed as ordinary members of the Society.

The copy of "An Act" before the Legislature of this State "to incorporate the New York Apothecaries Company," was read by the Secretary. Whereupon Dr. Stearns having stated that he was in possession of a memorial and remonstrance against the passage of said Act, it was

On motion—

Resolved, That the same be read.

Which having been done, it was referred to the Comitia Minora on the preparation and sale of medicine, to report thereon to this Society on Monday next.

Stephen Hasbrouck, M.D., John I. Ingersoll, M.D., Marinus

Willett, Jun., M.D., and Joseph C. Arnold, M.D., were balloted for, and duly elected members of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Mar. 21st, 1825.

Present—Drs. Hanson, A. Hammersley, Swift, Gorman, Onderdonk, Mead, Van Doren, Rockwell, Z. W. Seaman, Wilson, D. L. Rogers, Delafield, J. Smyth Rogers, Wood, Pexiotto, Dunham, B. R. Kissam, Manley, Stearns, Baxter, Pascalis, Beck, Osborn, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. J. Smyth Rogers, chairman of the committee on the regulation of the preparation and sale of medicine, introduced a report, a Memorial to the Legislature against the passage of the Act incorporating the Apothecaries Company, and a resolution appointing a committee to have said memorial engrossed, duly authenticated, and forwarded to the Legislature.

Drs. J. Smyth Rogers and Beck were appointed said committee, and the memorial and resolution were agreed to by the Society.

Dr. Pascalis, chairman of the committee on the Census, reported as there was no law authorizing the Medical Society to prosecute illegal practitioners of medicine, the committee deem it inexpedient to report such practitioners in this city.

Dr. Pascalis read a lecture on the relative influence of the Vaccinal disease in various sorts of Variola, and in the nature and origin of Small-pox.

James Demarest, M.D., was proposed as an ordinary member of the Society by Dr. Hanson, and Dr. Wm. M. Ireland by Dr. David L. Rogers.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 11th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Pascalis, Ingersoll, Ives, Piatt, Brown, Murray,

J. C. Cheesman, Stillwell, Swift, D. Rodgers, Cleeve, D. L. Rogers, Van Doren, Watts, J. K. Rodgers, Baxter, Osborn, B. P. Kissam, G. A. Cooper, Gorman, A. Hamersley, Vermeule, Cock, Arnold, Johnston, Onderdonk, Stearns, Sterling, Buckham, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the President, resigning his office, was read by the Secretary. Whereupon it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to inform the President that the Society receive his resignation with regret, and tender to him their thanks for his services.

James H. Rogers, M.D., James O. Smith, M.D., and Archibald B. Simpson, M.D., were proposed as candidates for membership of the Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That the name of Wm. H. Ireland, previously proposed as a candidate for membership, be withdrawn from the Comitia Minora.

On motion of Dr. J. K. Rodgers, seconded by Dr. Pascalis—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and inquire into certain assertions and declarations made in certain reports issued from the Regents of the University in matters pending between the Professors and Trustees of this College, inasmuch as said declarations or insinuations are disreputable to the physicians and surgeons of New York, contrary to facts, and derogatory to their professional qualifications, in order that a proper memorial or counterstatement may be produced if necessary, in the name of the Medical Society, and in behalf of the profession.

Whereupon Drs. J. K. Rodgers, Pascalis, Bell, J. M. Smith, and Cheesman, were appointed with power to call an Extra Meeting of the Society whenever ready to report.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held May 9th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Baxter, W. Hammersly, Peixotto, Yates, Bell, D. W. Kissam, Dunnell, B. P. Kissam, G. A. Cooper, Swift,

Gorman, Onderdonk, D. Rogers, Watts, Brooks, Ives, J. K. Rodgers, A. Hamersley, Sweeny, Tappen, Beck, Buckham, Murray, Dering, R. Johnson, Manley, Pascalis, F. U. Johnston, Delafield, F. W. Seaman, Hibbard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were balloted for and duly elected members of the Society, viz.: James Demarest, M.D., James H. Rogers, M.D., Elias Wolf, M.D., William Grayson, M.D., James O. Smith, M.D., Archibald M. Simpson, M.D.

The Lecturer, Dr. Wm. F. Seaman, read a case of Injury to the Knee Joint.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers, from the committee appointed April 11th, to examine and inquire into certain assertions and declarations, &c., &c., made the following report:

The committee appointed April 11th, 1825, by the Medical Society of the County of New York, "to examine and inquire into certain assertions and declarations made in certain reports issued from the Regents of the University in matters pending between the Professors and Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, inasmuch as said declarations or insinuations are disreputable to the physicians and surgeons of New York, contrary to facts, and derogatory to their professional qualifications, in order that a proper memorial or counterstatement may be produced if necessary, in the name of the Medical Society, and in behalf of the profession," beg leave to report,

That your committee regret that a misconception of the personal and professional character of physicians should have arisen in the minds of the Hon'ble the Regents of the University, as manifested in a report of their committee of the 31st of March, in relation to the Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons whose removal from office on the ground of their profession they have thought expedient to suggest.

This declaration from such high authority is derogatory to the medical profession, although it is founded by them on an incapacity, which they state to be incidental to men whose minds are stored with knowledge, and who view professional objects through different mediums.

"Hence," say they, "as from a fruitful source flow different opinions which, though dictated by honest conviction in the discharge of public duties, sometimes league themselves with the angry passions, and thus engender lasting and acrimonious

disputes. So acrimonious and lasting are these disputes as generally to baffle from time to time all attempts of mutual friends to settle them, and bring back the parties to that cordial understanding with each other which is necessary to render their joint labors in a public work as beneficial to the community as could be desired."

It is not denied as a matter of fact that causes of disagreement and contention sometime since arose between the Trustees and Professors of the Medical School of New York, and that strong and animated remonstrances to the Hon'le the Regents were successively produced which, from the nature and source of the complaint, might induce the belief of the existence of angry feelings and irreconcilable dispositions among the profession at large. But while your committee disclaim all intention to interfere in the misunderstanding, they beg leave to observe that those unhappy differences have, in their opinion, resulted from the defective internal organization of that institution, which commits the case of its interesting concerns to two different orders of officers without giving them the power of making such corrections and alterations as they may deem necessary, even by a majority of their own votes. The want of harmony therefore between those who are delegated to act from what they suppose the best motives, and others from what they contend their just rights, must be traced to different causes than these presumed "habits of contention," "angry passions," or "acrimonious and lasting disputes."

Nor is the position assumed by the committee of the Regents happily illustrated by the plan adopted in a similar institution in a sister State, from which medical trustees are excluded, because they who there discharge that important trust unaided by the Professors of the institution, are themselves invested with direct power and authority similar to that entrusted to the Regents of the University of New York.

The same committee in a second report made of the 6th of April, in their remarks upon the advantages which the pupils of the Professors possess over those of other practitioners, have, in the opinion of your committee, made statements which are unfounded, and expressed opinions which are in no degree supported by facts.

These pretended superior advantages are founded upon *three points:*

1st. The having recourse to the Professors' private libraries.

2nd. In being admitted to the benefit of inspecting the daily medical preparations in their offices.

3rd. Of witnessing their clinical practice in the lower classes of Society.

In regard to the first of these points, the impression which the public would draw from this report is, that no physician but the Professor possessed libraries sufficiently extensive to meet the wants of the students; the incorrectness of this statement will be obvious from the well known fact that all those practitioners who are in the habit of taking pupils not only possess ample libraries themselves, but have access to public institutions for any rare or curious work.

In relation to the 2nd presumed advantage, "the inspecting the daily medical preparations in the offices of Professors;" without discussing the advantages which arise from compounding drugs to be administered in cases which they are unable to observe, and of the actions of which they must necessarily remain ignorant, no one, whether in or out of the profession, can help seeing that this privilege (if it be such) must be in exact proportion to the amount of practice possessed by the individual, and of course until it is demonstrated that the Professors of our medical school have more practice than the rest of their professional brethren, this pretension must fall to the ground. Your committee would however remark that this privilege is enjoyed in a much greater degree by every apothecary's shop boy.

The 3rd presumed advantage is stated to arise from the superior opportunities of seeing the clinical practice of the Professors in the lower classes of society. The absurdity of this pretense must be visible to every member of the Society, and that they have in this particular fewer advantages than ordinary practitioners is equally clear. From circumstances peculiar to the official situations which they hold (in a great degree independent of individual respectability or talent) a very minute proportion of their practice is in that class of society to which pupils are admitted.

Without commenting on the self evident impossibility of exhibiting private clinical practice to 20 or 30 pupils, your committee cannot but again express their regret that the highly respectable committee of the Regents should thus have been misinformed by ignorant or designing individuals.

And further in alluding to the privileges enjoyed by the pupils of the Professors over those who witness the clinical practice of the New York Hospital, it is stated in the report so frequently referred to, that in this latter institution "the practice must necessarily be more limited than in the circles of the Professors' private practice." Any comments on this extract your committee would consider an insult to the understanding of a society of physicians.

With regard to the abuses which are said to arise from the

reception of pupils by the Professors during the time of lectures alone, your committee have no wish to interfere, though they cannot but say that in their opinion the profession at large believe in the existence of said abuses, and the necessity of their correction.

Your committee will close their report by submitting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Society considers from the general tenor of the report of the committee of the Regents, unfounded and illiberal inferences would naturally be drawn with regard to the state of the profession in this city, and they regret that the said committee should have lent the authority of their names and official situations to such imputation upon an extensive body of practitioners of a liberal profession.

Resolved, That the Society considers the recommendation of the committee that medical men should no longer be elected members of the Board of Trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, as having a tendency to cast an indirect stigma upon the profession, and as injurious to the true interests of medical science.

Resolved, That the Society considers the statement made by the committee with reference to the relative advantages possessed by professors of the medical school, and by other members of the profession in regard to pupils, as incorrect and injurious to the whole medical profession.

Resolved, That the Society entertain the highest respect for the committee of the Regents as well as for that Hon'le body itself, and feels convinced that imperfect and incorrect statements from interested sources could alone have led them into such injurious errors with regard to the medical profession in this city.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) FELIX PASCALIS, M.D., *Ch'r.*
J. KEARNY RODGERS, M.D.

Resolved, That the foregoing report and resolutions be accepted and forwarded to the committee of the Regents, signed by the Secretary.

Dr. D. W. Kissam proposed Frederick C. Baker, M.D. Paris, of Washington City, as an honorary member of the Society. Dr. Peixotto proposed Chandler R. Gilman, M.D., as an ordinary member of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held June 13th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Van Doren, G. A. Cooper, Baxter, Piatt, Sterling, D. Rogers, Stearns, Cheesman, J. K. Rodgers, A. Anderson, Delafield, W. Hammersley, Simpson, D. L. Rogers, Manley, Stillwell, Onderdonk, Hanson, Ives, A. Hamersley, Beck, Bell, Pascalis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Isaac H. Merkel having been recommended by the Comitia Minora to a public examination, was examined by Censors Stearns and Beck, and duly admitted by the Society to the privilege of practising physic and surgery in this State.

The Lecturer, Dr. Stearns, read a paper on Hydrocephalus, and promised to present to the Society a collection of cases in illustration of the principles advanced in his essay.

In conformity to the direction of the Comitia Minora, the presiding officer called for the documents relative to the non-compliance of Dr. Jas. Cockcroft with certain resolutions from the same authority. The documents were presented and read by the Corresponding Secretary. Whereupon

On motion of Dr. Manley, seconded by Dr. Onderdonk—

Whereas, It appears that James Cockcroft, M.D., has been duly furnished by the Secretary with a copy of a report and resolutions of the Comitia Minora in the matter of a breach of privilege and of medical ethics, and that he has refused to this day to comply with certain requisitions therein; and

Whereas, Dr. Cockcroft has again and lately been notified by the Secretary, and further persists in non-compliance, therefore,

Resolved, That Dr. James Cockcroft be cited by the Secretary to appear before the County Medical Society at their next Stated Meeting, to show cause why and wherefore the 1st, 2nd, 3rd resolutions affixed to the request from the Comitia Minora in a matter of breach of privilege and medical ethics, should not be complied with by the concerned parties, and adopted by the County Medical Society.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws. Whereupon

Drs. Onderdonk, J. K. Rodgers, and Baxter were appointed.

Martyn Payne, M.D., and Dr. Abr'm H. K. Verbryke were proposed as ordinary members of the Society.

A resolution was offered calling for a report of the Library committee on the proper plan for the formation, government, and regulation of a library, which was laid upon the table to be acted upon at the ensuing meeting.

Society adjourned.

(Signed) F. PASCALIS, *Sec. pro tem.*

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* Continuation of the subscribers to the By-Laws of the Medical Society:

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LAURIN G. WHITING.—Vt. Academy of Medicine, Vermont.

LUKE DAVIES, Sen'r.—London Med. Society. Birth, London.

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* See pages 19–34.

J. CHAPMAN.—State of Conn., Middlesex Co.

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ABR'M J. BERRY.

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WILLIAM ANDERSON, M.D.—Member of Royal Coll. of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

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D. M. REESE, M.D.—University of Maryland.

HIRAM UPSON.—New Haven.

LEWIS HALLOCK, M.D.—Univ. S. New York.

JAMES SWEENY.—Licentiate of the Medical Society New York.

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H. S. DUNNELL, M.D.—University State of New York.

JOHN ALEX'R ANDERSON, M.D.—University S. of New York.

D'NL LAKE, M.D.—University State of New York.

WASHINGTON RITTER, M.D.

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CALVIN PRESTON.—Of Albany Co. N. Y. Lt. of Green Co. do.

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T. RUSS HIBBARD.—University State of New York.

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ANDREW A. SANDHAM, M.D.

WM. MCCAFFRY, M.D.—University of Maryland.

JOHN M. FREEMAN, M.D.

BENJ'M MARSHALL.—Licentiate of the Medical Soc. State of New Jersey.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CARUTHERS, M.D.—Of Virginia, and Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (of date) 1823.

JOHN S. W. PARKIN.—Licentiate of the State Medical Society of New York.

GILBERT HESTON, M.D.—Of Pennsylvania—Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (date 1825).

EDGAR F. PECK, M.D.—From the Univ. of N. York. Licentiate from the Medical Society of the County of Herkimer.

JOSEPH H. RAY.—Licentiate of the County Medical Society of New York.

DANIEL E. STEARNS, M.D.—N. Y.

ROBERT LEGGETT, M.D.

ZINA H. HARRIS.

W. BEACH.

JOHN W. RAFFERTY.—Licentiate of the Medical Society of New York.

GEORGE BUSHE, M.D.—Of Ireland, Graduate of the University of Edinburg.

JOHN DOMINICK COUNSELL, M.D.—Licentiate of the Medical Society of N. Y. Graduate of the University of Glasgow.

CHARLES MCCAFFRY.—Licentiate of Medical Society of the City & County of New York.

CHAS. A. VAN ZANDT, M.D. & Licentiate of the Medical Society of the City & County of New York.

JOHN M. BERNHISEL, M.D.—Graduate of University of Pennsylvania.

J. W. WOODWARD.—Licentiate of Med. Soc'y of City & Co. of New York.

JOHN D. OGDEN.—Graduate of Rutgers College. 1827.

WM. MURPHY.—Licentiate of the Medical Society of City and County of New York.

ABM: L. COX, M.D.—Graduate of the University of Penn'a.

WM. E. STILLWELL, M.D.—University of the State of New York.

THEODORE L. MASON, M.D.—University of the State of New York.

THOS. P. VAN DERHOFF.—Dutchess County Medical Society.

PETER FLEMING CLARK.—L. M. of the Medical Society of N. York.

JAMES BARRY, M.D. and Licentiate of Medicine & Surgery of the Medical Society of the City & County of New York.

ISRAEL GREEN.—Licentiate of Ulster County Medical Society, and Member of the Medical Society of Orange County, N. Y.

STEPHEN C. ROE, M.D.—College of Physicians & Surgeons, N. Y.

CHA. A. BINAGHI, M.C.D.—From University of Pavia (Italy).

MARINUS H. VAN DYKE.—From Orleans Co'y Society.

W. B. PAINTER.—From England: Fellow of the London College of Medicine.

SAMUEL W. KELLOGG, M D.

HIRAM DRAPER.—Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery of the Medical Society of the County of New York.

JNO. DUNHAM.—Of the Medical Society of the State of New Jersey.

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ISAAC BEERS.—Of the Connecticut State Medical Society.

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OVID PHILO WELLS, M.D.—Graduate of Berkshire Medical Institution, Mass.

WALTER C. PALMER, M.D.—College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

JAMES STEWART, M.D.—College of Physicians & Surgeons.

CHARLES A. BRIGGS, M.D.—Of the University of the State of New York.

THOMAS WARD, M.D. & Licentiate of New Jersey.

CHARLES A. LEE, M.D.—Berkshire Med. Institution, Pittsfield.

HENRY DIXON NEAL, M.D.—Of the City of London.

WILLIAM BROWNE.—Of Ireland, Licentiate of Medicine & Surgery of the Medical Society of City & County of New York.

NATHANIEL E. SHELDON.—Licentiate of Medicine & Surgery of State of New York.

CHARLES H. JESSUP.—Licentiate of the Medical Society of the County of Orange.

TOBIAS PURINTON, M.D.—Of the County of Cumberland, State of Maine. Graduate of Bowdoin College (date 1826).

LUCIUSS COMSTOCK.—City & Co. of New York. Licentiate of Medicine & Surgery of Med. Soc. City & Co. of N. York.

WILLIAM USHER, M.D.—Of the City of New York.

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ROBERT J. TRUMBULL, M.D.—Of Charleston, S. C.

JNO. COLLETT, M.D.—Of the University of S. of N. Y.

LIVINGSTON RAE.—Medical Society of the C. & C. of N. Y.

JOHN L. MILLEDOLER.—Of the City and County of New York, Licentiate of Med. Society of the City & County of New York.

GEORGE DOWNER.—Of the Medical Society of Connecticut.

THOMAS WILSON HENRY, M.D.—Of the University of the State of New York: President of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, and Honorary member of the State Medical Society.

GEORGE W. LEACH.—Licentiate of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York.

LEWIS POST.—Licentiate of the County Medical Society of Essex, State of New York.

A. GERALD HULL.—Licentiate Med. Society of City & County of New York.

DAVID GREEN.—Licentiate Med. Society of City & County of New York.

EBENEZER STORER, M.D.—Of the University of State of New York.

BENJ'N DRAKE, M.D.—University of State of New York.

JAMES T. GIBERT, M.D.—Of the City of New York.

JOSEPH SMITH PERRY.—Of Orange County (N. Y.) Licentiate of Medicine of the Ulster Co. Med. Soc'y, and late Surgeon 28th Reg't Infantry of this State, June 29th, 1832.

WILLIAM NELSON BLAKEMAN, M.D.

RICHARD SEAMAN.—County of New York. Native of New York.

GEORGE GLENNY.—Ireland—Born in the County Devon near Newry—Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

GEO. WILKES, M.D.—University of New York.

Roll of Medical Society of the County of New York, Jan'y 1st, 1820:

John R. B. Rodgers, M.D., *Pres't.*
William Hamersley, M.D., *Vice-Pres't.*
Wright Post, M.D.
David Hosack, M.D.
John Onderdonk.
Wm. Moore, M.D.
Felix Pascalis, M.D., *Delegate.*
H. M. Van Solingen, M.D., *Treasurer.*
John Clark, M.D.
John Neilson.
Wm. Barrow, M.D.
Wm. Stillwell.
J. H. Douglass.
Thos. Boyd.
Hugh McLean, M.D.
Sam'l Borrowe, M.D.
J. S. Arden.
Silas Lord.
Joseph Bayley, M.D., *Censor.*
Sam'l R. Marshall, Surgeon.
Sam'l Osborn.
Valentine Mott, M.D.
Thos. Cock, M.D., *Censor.*
Gilbert Smith.
R. S. Kissam, M.D.
John Watts, Jun., M.D., *Censor.*
Sam. W. Moore, M.D.
Gerardus A. Cooper, M.D., *Secretary.*
James L. Phelps.
Joshua Fisher, M.D.
J. W. Francis, M.D.
John C. Cheesman, M.D.
Lyman Spalding, M.D., *Cor'g Sec'y.*
Peter C. Tappen.
Alexander H. Stevens, M.D., *Censor.*
N. Brush, Jr.
S. D. Beekman.
James Sykes, M.D., *Censor.*
J. M. S. McKnight.
B. P. Kissam, M.D.
I. Hallock.
James R. Manley, M.D.
Wm. J. McNeven, M.D.
Thos. Wm. Hunter.
John K. Rodgers, M.D.
Edw'd Delafield, M.D.
John B. Beck, M.D.
John Stearns, M.D.
John D. Jacques, M.D.
A. Wright.
Fayette Cooper.
Charles Drake, M.D.
James K. Platt.
John Wagner, M.D.
S. Harriott.
Dan'l Dayton.
Winslow Warren, M.D.
Ansel W. Ives, M.D.
Andrew Anderson, M.D.
Sam'l Macauley, M.D.
Peter S. Townsend, M.D.
Nichol H. Dering, M.D.

Elias C. Badeau.
James C. Bliss, M.D.
Wm. W. Quitman, M.D.
Floyd T. Ferris.
C. C. Blatchly.
E. S. Blatchly.
Isaac Wood, M.D.
W. F. Piatt.
Thos. Van Beuren.
Peter Helm, M.D.
J. W. Sterling, M.D.
Sam'l Ackerly.
Jos. M. Smith, M.D.
Jacob Dyckman, M.D.
James Cockcroft, M.D.
S. D. Roe, M.D.
James Seaman, M.D.
John I. Howe.
Abrm. T. Hunter, M.D.
C. E. De Puy, M.D.
Dan'l W. Kissam, M.D.
John Torrey, M.D.
Wm. Swift, M.D.
Sam'l S. Kuypers.
Rich'd Seaman.
E. G. Dunnell.

(CLOSE OF FIRST BOOK OF MS. MINUTES.)

(COMMENCEMENT OF SECOND BOOK OF MS. MINUTES.)

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, July 4th, 1825.

A quorum not appearing, the Secretary adjourned the meeting to the following day.

At an Adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 5th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Pascalis, Tappen, Willett, Cockcroft, F. U. Johnston, Stearns, Boyd, Dunnell, Cheesman, Lord, Blatchly, A. Anderson, Rockwell, Van Doren, Osborn, Miner, Cock, D. Rogers, Hibbard, Dering, G. A. Cooper, Hanson, Dunham, Ives, Beck, Brown, Kuypers, D. L. Rogers, Wood, Weed, Dayton, W. Hamersley, Manley, Onderdonk, Stillwell, A. Hamersley, Wright.

Dr. Linus Stevens, President of the Munroe County Medical Society, was introduced as a visitor by Dr. Pascalis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Pascalis moved that, as a committee of the Regents of the University was now visiting the College and required the attendance of many of the members of this Society, it adjourns to Wednesday, the 6th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M.

Which motion having been put was carried, and the Society adjourned.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 6th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Pascalis, Osborn, Neilson, A. T. Hunter, Ives, Wood, Robson, Moore, Dunnell, J. K. Rodgers, Bayley, D. Rogers, R. Johnson, Hibbard, Brush, Wilson, Stillwell, Dering, A. Anderson, Cock, Stearns, Cockcroft, Phelps, Baxter, Lord,

Jacques, Hanson, Ingersoll, Hull, Kuypers, Brown, Francis, Sweeny, Cleeve, Degray, Watts, Monroy, Wright, Stevens, Beck, Conger, Ostrom, Bell, Manley, Dunham, Drake, Weed, Dayton, Rockwell, Brooks, Piatt, Murry, Tappen, Cheesman, Peixotto, Willett, F. U. Johnston, Pendleton, D. L. Rogers, Z. W. Seaman, Onderdonk, G. A. Cooper, Van Doren, A. Hamersley, W. Hamersley, W. F. Seaman, Sterling, Simpson, Buckham.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Comitia of the last year were then read.

Chandler R. Gilman, M.D., having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, was balloted for, and duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

The Society then proceeded to the election of the officers for the ensuing year, when Drs. J. Kearney Rodgers and Wright having been appointed Inspectors of the Election, made the following report:

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen were duly elected officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the following year.

Dr. JOHN ONDERDONK, *President.*
Dr. THOMAS COCK, *Vice-President.*
Dr. SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, *Corresponding Sec'y.*
Dr. NICOLL H. DERING, *Recording Sec'y.*
Dr. JOHN S. CONGER, *Treasurer.*

AM'H WRIGHT,
J. KEARNEY RODGERS, } *Inspectors.*

NEW YORK, July 6th, 1825.

Drs. A. T. Hunter and Robson having also been appointed Inspectors of Election, made the following report:

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen were duly elected Censors of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the following year:

Dr. JAMES M. PENDLETON,
Dr. J. KEARNEY RODGERS,
Dr. JOHN B. BECK,
Dr. JOHN C. CHEESMAN,
Dr. ELBRIDGE G. DUNNELL, } *Censors.*

BENJ'N R. ROBSON,
AB'M T. HUNTER, } *Inspectors.*

NEW YORK, July 6th, 1825.

Drs. Conger and Phelps having also been appointed Inspectors of Election, made the following report:

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen were duly elected Lecturers of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the ensuing year:

Dr. JOHN B. BECK.
Dr. JOHN BELL.
Dr. A. HAMERSLEY.
Dr. J. HANSON.
Dr. WM. HIBBARD.
Dr. JOHN I. HOWE.
Dr. D. L. M. PEIXOTTO.
Dr. JAMES L. PHELPS.
Dr. J. KEARNEY RODGERS.
Dr. J. SMYTH ROGERS.
Dr. JOHN W. WEED.

JOHN S. CONGER, } *Inspectors.*
J. L. PHELPS, }

NEW YORK, July 6th, 1825.

The following gentlemen were proposed as ordinary members of the Society: Clark Wright, M.D., Dr. William G. Reynolds, Marcus Sears, M.D., Joseph W. Duvall, M.D., Dr. Francis Oliver Doucet.

Society adjourned to meet to-morrow at 4 o'clock P. M.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers gave notice that he should, at the next anniversary of the Society, move to change the day of holding the same.

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held July 7th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Manley, Simpson, J. K. Rodgers, Buckham, Miner, Ostrom, Hull, Dering, Osborn, Baxter, Sterling, Wood, Robson, Stearns, Dunnell, G. A. Cooper, Tappen, Walters, Monroy, Peixotto, Gilman, Phelps, A. Hamersley, Onderdonk, Cockcroft, A. L. Anderson, Cheesman, Bell, Murray.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers declining to serve as a Lecturer, Dr. Frederick G. King, the next highest on the list of those balloted for at the last meeting, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers, from the committee appointed to revise the By-Laws, made a report, which, after certain alterations, was adopted by the Society in the following words, viz.:

The committee appointed at the last regular meeting to revise the laws of this Society, respectfully report, that they have attentively perused said laws, and recommend the following alterations and additions:

In Chap. 4th, the words "preside and" to be erased.

Chap. 5th, Art. 3rd, to be transferred to Chap. 10th, Art. 9th.

In Chap. 9th, Art. 3rd to be abolished, and Art. 2nd to read thus: "The Delegate shall perform the duties prescribed by the Society."

In Chap. 11th, erase 10 and insert eleven.

In Chap. 11th, the following inserted:

"*Art. 4th.* No member in publishing a paper which has been read before this Society shall, without their permission, state its having been read before them."

The following to be added to the By-Laws as Chap. 12th, of Permanent Committees:

Art. 1st. Four Permanent Committees, viz.: the Library Committee, the Committee of Intelligence, the Meteorological Committee, and the Committee on Diseases, shall be appointed by the President at the Anniversary Meeting.

Art. 2nd. The Library Committee shall from time to time purchase such books as may be ordered by the Society.

Art. 3rd. The Library Committee shall have power, with the consent of the Society, to make such rules and regulations as shall be thought most conducive to the welfare of the Library.

Art. 4th. The Committee of Intelligence shall collect and report to this Society recent medical facts and intelligence.

Art. 5th. Any member of this committee may report verbally such articles of intelligence as he may acquire.

Art. 6th. This committee shall keep a book in which they shall record all information given to the Society.

Art. 7th. This committee shall take charge of all models and instruments (with the exception of the Meteorological Apparatus) belonging to this Society.

Art. 8th. The Meteorological Committee shall keep, or cause to be kept, a regular series of observations noticing the temperature and currents of air, the variations in the barometer, the quantity of rain fallen, the progress of vegetation, and all other circumstances connected with the climate which may have an influence on our diseases, the instruments and apparatus for which they may procure at the expense of the Society.

Art. 9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Diseases

to investigate the character, causes and progress of diseases as they may prevail, with the best means for their prevention and cure, and keep a record of the same.

Art. 10*th.* It shall be the duties of the committees to report every three months, or oftener if ordered by the Society, the records of their proceedings, with such observations as they may think proper.

In Art. 2nd, of Chap. 13, erase "member," and insert "candidate for membership."

Chap. 12th, Art. 4th. No member who has been absent from four successive Stated Meetings of this Society during the preceding year, without satisfactory excuse, shall be eligible to any office at the next anniversary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN ONDERDONK, *Chairman.*

Reports from the Accoucheurs of the out-door Lying-in Charity were called for, when all those present stated they had nothing to report.

Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers introduced a report from the Library committee, which was read, and

On motion—

Resolved, That the same be accepted, and the expenses incurred for books be paid.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report of the Library Committee be referred to a select committee.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Manley, Osborn, Cheesman, Robson, and Baxter.

The unfinished business of the last meeting, relating to a case of breach of Medical Ethics, was then taken up.

The Secretary read a report of a committee of the Comitia Minora, and also a portion of the minutes of the Medical Society of a former meeting relating to the subject.

Agreeably to citation, Dr. Cockcroft appeared, and offered to the Society the following reasons why he had not complied with the resolutions of the Comitia Minora:

1st. Because he was not guilty of a breach of Medical Ethics.

2nd. Because one of the committee of the Comitia Minora prejudged the question.

3rd. Because one of the committee of the Comitia Minora insulted him by stating to him that they had not judged it necessary to put him under oath, thereby questioning his honor and veracity.

4th. Because of an indirect insinuation against his courage in the report.

Whereupon debates having taken place, the following resolution was offered by Dr. Ostrom:

Resolved, That the excuses rendered by Dr. Cockcroft to the Society for non-compliance with the resolutions of the Comitia Minora be received as satisfactory.

Debates were again had on the resolution, and before the question was taken, the

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held August 8th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Davis, Degray, Onderdonk, Swift, R. Johnson, Rockwell, Walters, Watts, Weed, Mead, Murry, D. Rogers, Piatt, Pascalis, G. A. Cooper, Manley, Baxter, Stearns, Bell, Z. W. Seaman, Wood, Hanson, Dering, Kuypers, Osborn, Peixotto, Pendleton, W. Hamersley, Ostrom, Dunnell, Willett, D. L. Rogers, King, Drake, B. R. Kissam, Beck, F. U. Johnston, C. C. Blatchly, Miner, Van Doren, Dayton, Brown, Hibbard.

The Society having been constituted, the President rose and delivered an inaugural address.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to solicit of the President a copy of his address delivered this day, for publication.

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora direct the manner in which said address shall be published.

Dr. Ostrom withdrew the resolution offered by him at the last meeting, respecting the excuses offered by Dr. Cockcroft for non-compliance with the resolutions of the Medical Society.

The following resolution was then offered by Dr. Manley, seconded by Dr. Ostrom:

Whereas, A breach of Medical Ethics was charged upon Dr. James Cockcroft by Dr. John C. Cheesman, which by information was examined into by the officers of this Society as by a By-Law directed; and

Whereas, The same was passed upon by the said officers after a most deliberate hearing of both the parties, and copies of their decision were transmitted to the said parties, which they, the litigants, are by the By-Laws bound to respect and conform to; and

Whereas, One of the parties, viz., Dr. John C. Cheesman, has conformed to the requisitions of the Comitia Minora in the premises, and the other, Dr. James Cockcroft, has not, alleging as his reasons for non-compliance that the Comitia Minora had no cognizance of the offence, even allowing it to be one, and that the committee of the Comitia Minora were partial in their examinations, &c.; therefore

Resolved, That this Society deem it inexpedient further to prosecute this alleged offence, it being distinctly understood that the reasons urged therefor by Dr. Cockcroft are not sustained.

Whereupon much debate having taken place—

Resolved, That it be postponed to the next meeting of the Society.

The following resolution was then offered by Dr. Pascalis, seconded by Dr. Dering:

Whereas, A citation of Dr. James Cockcroft before the Medical Society has been answered and discussed at two different meetings, and

Whereas, It does not appear expedient or proper that the report of the Comitia Minora be repealed or altered in any of its resolutions; therefore

Resolved, That Dr. James Cockcroft may report himself as having complied with the second resolution of the same, in the manner provided, and that the Secretary report at the ensuing meeting.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be postponed to the next meeting of the Society.

Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers gave notice that he should, at the next Anniversary Meeting of the Society, offer a resolution to change the day for holding the anniversary.

Dr. King proposed Dr. Don Francisco Alonzo Fernandez, Surgeon of the Royal Military Hospital of Havana, as an honorary member of this Society.

Society adjourned.

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held August 22nd, 1825.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, W. Hamersley, W. F. Seaman, Davis, Gorman, Dunnell, Watts, Manley, Douglass, Cock, C. C. Blatchly, Peixotto, Brooks, Stearns, Van Doren, Wright, Rockwell, Ives, Mitchill, McIntosh, Kuypers, Baxter, A. L. Anderson, Osborn, Pascalis, J. K. Rodgers, Mead, Grayson, F. U. Johnston, Cockcroft, Simpson, Hanson, Dunham, Cameron, Brown, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Joseph W. Duvall, M.D., Martyn Payne, M.D., Marcus Sears, M.D., James H. Hart, M.D., and Dr. William G. Reynolds, having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were elected ordinary members of the Society.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the President attending accoucheurs to the out-door Lying-in Charity, to supply vacancies secured during the past year:

1ST WARD.—Edward Delafield, M.D.
2ND WARD.—John Baxter, M.D.
3RD WARD.—Washington Murray, M.D.
4TH WARD.—John R. Rhinelander, M.D., and Dr. Underhill.
6TH WARD.—A. V. Williams, M.D.

The President then appointed the following gentlemen members of the Permanent Committees for the present year:

ON THE LIBRARY.—Drs. Van Rensselaer, J. K. Rodgers, Wright, Ives, and Bell.

OF INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. Stevens, Moore, Ostrom, Andrew Anderson, and J. Smyth Rogers.

ON METEOROLOGY.—Drs. Pascalis, Stearns, W. F. Seaman, Drake, and A. Hamersley.

ON DISEASES.—Drs. Osborn, Robson, J. M. Smith, Hanson, and Delafield.

Dr. Manley withdrew his motion of the last meeting, and the

question then recurred on the motion of Dr. Pascalis, offered at the same meeting, which, after much discussion, was decided in the affirmative.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held September 12th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Hanson, Walters, Onderdonk, C. C. Blatchly, A. Hamersley, Hibbard, King, Rockwell, Gorman, Reynolds, Stearns, Dering, Van Doren, Pascalis, Cock, Baxter, J. K. Rodgers, A. L. Anderson, Cockcroft, Simpson, Sweeny, Gilman, Grayson, McIntosh, Conger, Manley, D. L. Rogers, Brown, F. U. Johnston, Tappen, R. Johnson, Sears, Peixotto, Macauley.

The minutes of the Society were read and approved.

Dr. William G. Reynolds, Chandler R. Gilman, M.D., and Marcus Sears, M.D., appeared, signed the Constitution of the Society, and were addressed by the President.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the donation of Dr. Emanuel Rosseau, Physician of the Royal Garden of Paris, to this Society.

Whereupon Drs. Pascalis, Stearns, and Mitchill, were appointed.

Dr. Walter S. Smith, John R. Rhinelander, M.D., and Hudson Kinsley, M.D., were proposed as candidates for membership of the Society.

Dr. Wood was appointed on the committee on Cow Pock, to supply the place of Dr. Eddy, declining to serve.

Dr. Grayson was appointed attending accoucheur for the first Ward, in the place of Dr. Delafield, who resigns.

Drs. Ostrom and A. L. Anderson were added to the committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last meeting, the Secretary reported that he had not received any intimation from Dr. Cockcroft of his compliance with the terms of said resolution.

Whereupon Dr. Cockcroft stated, that having considered the decision upon the resolution referred to as not final, he had not considered it expedient to take any steps in the case.

On motion—

Resolved, That the excuse of Dr. Cockcroft be considered satisfactory, and that he be allowed till the next meeting of the Society to comply with the said resolution, and no longer.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held October 10th, 1825.

Present—Drs. A. L. Anderson, Rockwell, Murray, Sterling, Tappen, Blatchly, G. A. Cooper, Hanson, Dering, Walters, Ostrom, Cock, Dunham, Cheesman, Stearns, Wright, Hibbard, Pascalis, Cockcroft, J. K. Rodgers, Vermeule, Osborn, Baxter, Willett, Wood, McIntosh, Pendleton, Miner, Van Rennselaer, Wilson, Gorman, Weed, Dunnell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Comitia Minora as suitable candidates, were balloted for, and duly elected members of the Society: Dr. Francis O. Doucet, John R. Rhinelander, M.D., Hudson Kinsley, M.D., and Clark Wright, M.D.

A letter from the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Mitchill, containing a resignation of his office, was read, whereupon

Resolved, That the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary be accepted, and that the Society will now proceed to an election to supply the vacancy occasioned by said resignation.

Drs. Rockwell and G. A. Cooper having been appointed Inspectors of the Election, made the following report:

We, the subscribers, appointed Inspectors of an Election for Corresponding Secretary of the New York County Medical Society, report that Jeremiah Van Rennslaer is elected by a plurality of votes.

WILLIAM ROCKWELL,
GERARDUS A. COOPER, } *Inspectors.*

Oct. 11th, 1825.

The following gentlemen were proposed as candidates for membership of the Society: Bolitha Laws, M.D., John Hills, M.D., J. J. Graves, M.D.

Dr. Rhinelander resigned the appointment of accoucheur to the out-door Lying-in Charity, and Dr. Graves was appointed in his place.

Dr. Baxter, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Library committee, made a report upon the same, which was accepted.

Dr. Ostrom, from the committee on the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had been examined and found correct, and that there was a balance of forty-one dollars in the treasury.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee appointed to examine into the donation of Dr. Emanuel Rosseau, reported on the same, and

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Emanuel Rosseau be presented with an honorary diploma of this Society, and a letter of thanks from the Corresponding Secretary.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Medical Society will unite with the other societies in celebrating the completion of the canal.

Resolved, That Drs. Onderdonk and Stearns be a committee to meet other committees to make the necessary arrangements for that purpose.

Dr. Hanson proposed Dr. Benj'n B. Dorrance, late President of the Sullivan County Medical, as a member of this Society *ad eundem*.

The Secretary reported that he had received from Dr. Cockcroft a note informing him of his compliance with a resolution of the Society at its last meeting, which having been read, it was

On motion of Dr. Cock, seconded by Dr. Pascalis—

Resolved, That the same be satisfactory to the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held November 14th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Stearns, Onderdonk, Grayson, Sears, G. A. Cooper, Drake, Wood, D. L. Rodgers, Dering, Pendleton, A.

Hamersley, Osborn, Phelps, Gorman, Baxter, Kinsley, Mead, McIntosh, J. K. Rodgers, Manley, Conger, C. Wright, Reynolds, J. Smith Rogers, Hibbard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Proctor Cadwallader having been examined by the Censors and duly admitted, and recommended for a public examination before the Society, was again examined and invested with the privileges of practicing physic and surgery in this State. Having signed the declaration required by the Society, he was addressed by the President.

Bolitha Laws, M.D., and John Hills, M.D., were elected ordinary members, and Emanuel Rosseau, M.D., Paris, and Dr. Don Francisco Alonzo Fernandez, of the Havana, were elected honorary members of the Society.

Dr. Andrew Hamersley read a lecture on the method of reasoning termed Induction.

Drs. Cock, Osborn, J. K. Rodgers, Stearns, and Dunnell, were appointed a committee to instruct the Delegate to the State Medical Society.

Jacob Wyeth, M.D., Richard Underhill, M.D., and Dr. Hans Benj'n Gram, were proposed as candidates for ordinary membership.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, December 12th, 1825.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Monroy, Beck, Murray, Van Doren, Bayley, J. K. Rodgers, W. F. Seaman, Doucet, Pascalis, Hanson, G. A. Cooper, Wood, Swift, Rockwell, Osborn, Cheesman, Dering, Pendleton, Baxter, Sterling, F. U. Johnston, W. Hamersley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Richard Underhill, M.D., Jacob Wyeth, Jun., M.D., and Dr. Hans Benj'n Gram, were balloted for, and duly elected members of the Society.

Dr. Osborn, from the committee appointed to instruct the Delegate to the State Medical Society, introduced the following report, which was read and adopted:

The committee appointed to instruct the Delegate having considered the subject, agreed to direct that he do unite in endeavoring to accomplish the passing of the bill as reported by the State Medical Society at their last session, including two additional clauses.

1st. That the Society of the County of New York be authorized to hold real property to the amount of ten thousand dollars, and personal property to any amount exclusively appertaining to the promotion of medical science; such property, real and personal, to be unalienable and in perpetuity to belong to the Medical Society of the County of New York.

2nd. That the Regents shall in no case grant the degree of Doctor of Medicine to students recommended by medical colleges, unless such student shall have studied medicine three years, have attended two full courses of lectures, and are twenty-one years of age. The latter clause has been proposed to the Comitia Minora of the State Medical Society, and in which your committee also cheerfully concur.

THOMAS COCK, *Ch'n.*

NEW YORK, December 12th, 1825.

Dr. Hibbard read a lecture on Cephalitis.

Dr. Hanson read a lecture on Midwifery.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held January 9th, 1826.

Present—Drs. Baxter, Onderdonk, Doucet, Pascalis, A. Hamersley, Cock, Dunham, Duvall, Kinsley, Osborn, W. Hamersley, Dering, Gorman, Z. W. Seaman, Underhill, Blatchly, Murray, Simpson, Sears, Swift, Stearns, Brown.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to record on the minutes of the Society the names of all its deceased members.

Dr. Pascalis, chairman of the Meteorological committee, reported progress, whereupon—

Resolved, That thirty dollars if necessary be appropriated for the purpose of enabling the Meteorological committee to carry into effect the object of their appointment for one year.

Dr. Ostrom, chairman of the committee on Diseases, reported progress.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held February 13th, 1826.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, D. L. Rogers, J. K. Rodgers, Pascalis, Gorman, Murray, Tappen, Van Rennslaer, Degray, R. Johnson, Cheesman, McVicker, Pendleton, Sears, A. Hamersley, Osborn, F. G. King, Dering, Swift, Baxter, Van Doren, G. A. Cooper, Stearns.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Eliphalet St. John, Enoch P. Stowell, Landon J. Woodruff, David Green, and John K. Hardenbrook, having produced satisfactory testimonials of study in physic and surgery to the Comitia Minora, and having been examined by the Censors, and recommended for a public examination before the Society, were again examined by the Censors, and duly admitted to the privileges of practicing physic and surgery in this State. Having signed the declaration required by the Society, they were addressed by the President.

Dr. A. Hamersley read the continuation of his lecture on the Inductive Mode of Reasoning.

Society adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held Feb. 20th, 1826.

Present—Drs. J. K. Rodgers, Doucet, Van Rennslaer, Sears, A. Wright, Cameron, Peixotto, Duvall, Pendleton, Osborn, Manley, Gram, Degray, Van Doren, Cock, Beck, McIntosh, Cheesman, Onderdonk, Simpson, Pascalis, B. R. Kissam, C. Wright, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A certificate from Professor McVickar, of Columbia College, stating that Mr. John K. Hardenbrook terminated his collegiate studies in July, 1824, having been produced and read before the Society, it was

On motion of Dr. J. K. Rodgers, unanimously—

Resolved, That the vote of the Society at its last meeting, conferring on Mr. John K. Hardenbrook the license to practice physic and surgery in this State, be reconsidered.

A letter from Mr. J. K. Hardenbrook to the President was then read.

Tne following preamble and resolution were then approved unanimously:

Whereas, It appears that Mr. John K. Hardenbrook did previous to the 13th of February instant present to the Comitia Minora certificates of attendance upon a full course of lectures, and of pupilage of three years and a half study, upon which, as conditions of his examination, he was passed as qualified for a license on the 13th instant; and

Whereas, It appears that the said John K. Hardenbrook has since allowed under his own signature that two years of that time he was a student of Columbia College; and

Whereas, The law of this State in no case allows a rebate of more than one year from the prescribed term of four years on account of studies pursued in colleges; therefore

Resolved, That the vote of this Society, passed on the 13th inst., admitting Mr. John K. Hardenbrook to a license, be rescinded.

The chairman of the Meteorological Committee reported that a proper person had been obtained to make the necessary observations, and that they appear to the committee to be made in a correct manner, and the committee recommend a continuance of them by the said agents.

All which was agreed to by the Society.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Society, the Secretary reported the following as a correct list of the names of all the deceased members of the Society:

Nicholas Romayne
James Stringham
Archibald Bruce
George C. Anthon
Gardner Jones
Samuel Nesbit
John Hicks
John Gamage
Alexander Wertheyne
James Hornidge
Armand Lugarde
J. E. R. Birch
Walter Taylor
John W. Zeiss
Samuel Henry
Frederick Graham
James Wilson
R. Thorn

Abraham Brower
Elias Winfield
Thomas Dawson
Andrew Riddell
John Wilson
Stephen Dempsey
h. p. Servant la Page
——— Henson
William Little
Edward Miller
James Tillary
Valentine Seaman
James Smith
A. Bainbridge
P. Turner
Louis Fangery
William Moore
Libertus Van Bokkelen
Daniel Proudfit
Samuel Torbert
Andrew James Deijong
Daniel B. Cornelius
John Regan
Benjamin Rockwell
John D. Gillespie
Hilldbrant Lozier
John Scott
John Stone
Abraham Lozier
Jacob Vreedenburg Brower
Andrew Morton
Jacob S. Arden
Rufus A. Burritt
V. A. Servant Grangeac
Silas Lord
Daniel D. Walters
W. Burrell

Isaac Ball
Jacob Boos
Amos King
Henry C. Kunze
Jean Leyenerioss
John Huyler
William A. Meyer
Peter Lawrence
John McFarlane
Samuel Wheeler
John C. Osborn
John Christopher Stroebel
William M. Ross
George Davis
Samuel G. Mott
James Kent Platt
Peter B. Helme
Jacob Dyckman
Samuel Bradhurst
William Knowles
Samuel Nesbit, Jun.
Charles Meyer
Samuel Guthrie
John Betts
Benjamin Lowe
Gideon Humphrey
George A. Clussman
J. W. Kastner
John B. Conguacy
Richard S. Kissam
Joseph Trowbridge
Lyman Spalding
James Sykes
William F. Quitman
Cornelius E. Depuy
Jacob Ostrom

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held March 13th, 1826.

Present—Drs. Simpson, Swift, Cheesman, Cock, J. K. Rodgers, Dering, Gram, Onderdonk, Sears, Degray, Doucett, Baxter, Cameron, Pascalis, Tappen, R. Johnson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, and approved.

John Peter Geraerot, M.D., and Hersey Baylies, M.D., were proposed as ordinary members of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held April 10th, 1826.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Sears, Pascalis, Simpson, Van Rensselaer, Cheesman, Conger, Hanson, Cock, J. K. Rodgers, Davis, Gram, Seaman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Zenas Chandler having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, was examined by the Censors, and admitted to the privileges of practicing physic and surgery in this State. The President then addressed the licentiate, who signed the Declaration of the Society, according to the 3rd Art. of the 14th Chap. of the By-Laws.

Dr. Ludwig Saynish, of Wurtzberg University, Nassau, in Germany, was recommended as an ordinary member by Dr. Gram.

Dr. Pascalis, from the Meteorological Committee, made a quarterly report for the use of the members.

On motion of Dr. Van Rensselaer, duly recorded, it was—

Resolved, That the Meteorological Committee be requested to publish their observations quarterly in such scientific or literary journal as they may think proper.

Society adjourned.

J. VAN RENNSELAER, *Cor. Sec'y.*

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held May 8th, 1826.

Present—Drs. Pascalis, Dunham, Underhill, Onderdonk, Sears, Piatt, Brown, Degray, C. C. Blatchly, Cock, Osborn, W. Seaman, Manley, Stearns, J. K. Rodgers, Van Rensselaer, A. Hamersley, Gram, Hanson, Buchanan, Dering.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Hersey Baylies, M.D., was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held June 12th, 1826.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk, President, in the chair; Drs. Cheesman, J. K. Rodgers, Sears, Hunter, Stearns, Baxter, Gram, Van Rensselaer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers proposed the following resolution to be acted on at the next meeting:

Resolved, That no person be proposed as a candidate for the membership of this Society until he shall have been a practitioner of physic in this city at least one year.

It was announced from the chair that the next meeting would be the anniversary and election.

Society adjourned.

JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Cor. Sec'y.*

Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, July 3rd, 1826.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk, President, in the chair; Drs. A. L. Anderson, Cheesman, Dayton, Dunnell, A. Hamersley, F. U. Johnston, Manley, Osborn, Pendleton, Baxter, Cock, Dering, Gilman, W. Hamersley, Kuypers, Mead, Pascalis, Reynolds, C. C. Blatchly, Conger, Dunham, Gorman, Hanson, McIntosh, Murray, Peixotto, Rockwell, J. K. Rodgers, Simpson, Tappen, Wood, W. Seaman, Stearns, Underhill, Van Doren, Sears, A. Stevens, Van Rensselaer, Marshall.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Com. Minora for the last year were read and approved.

Chapter 12, Art. 4, was then read, together with a list of delinquents. It was—

On motion, seconded and—

Resolved, That Art. 4, Chap. 12th of the By-Laws be suspended during the present meeting.

The Society then proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following reports were made by the Inspectors appointed by the President, viz.:

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen are duly elected officers of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN ONDERDONK, *President.*
THOMAS COCK, *Vice-President.*
JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Corresponding Sec'y.*
JOHN BAXTER, *Recording Sec'y.*
JOHN S. CONGER, *Treasurer.*

(Signed) ROCKWELL, MEAD, } *Inspectors.*

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen were duly elected Delegate and Censors of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the ensuing year:

SAMUEL OSBORN, *Delegate.*
JAMES M. PENDLETON,
JOHN C. CHEESMAN,
J. KEARNEY RODGERS,
JOHN BECK,
F. U. JOHNSTON, } *Censors.*

(Signed) J. M. PENDLETON, F. U. JOHNSTON, } *Inspectors.*

We, the Inspectors, certify that the following gentlemen are duly elected Lecturers of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN B. BECK.
A. HAMERSLEY.
JOSEPH HANSON.
D. L. M. PEIXOTTO.
JOHN STEARNS.
W. F. SEAMAN.
J. M. PENDLETON.
ISAAC WOOD.
WM. HIBBARD.
W. MURRAY.
J. R. MANLEY.

(Signed) W. HIBBARD, INGERSOL, } *Inspectors.*

Drs. A. L. Anderson and Rockwell were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year.

Previous to the election a letter was read from Dr. Dering, declining to be considered as a candidate for the Secretaryship.

Adjourned for two weeks from this day.

JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

At an adjourned Anniversary Meeting, held July 17th, 1826.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk, President, in the chair; Drs. Osborne, Baxter, Kissam, Dering, Reynolds, Sears, Hanson, Murray, Van Rensselaer, J. K. Rodgers, Van Doren.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The resolution offered by J. K. Rodgers at the Stated Meeting in August last, was called up, when it was moved, seconded, and carried, that the first Article of Chap. 1 of the By-Laws be abrogated, and the following substituted, viz.:

"The Anniversary Meeting shall be held on the second Monday in July, in every year."

The President then appointed the following committees:

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Dr. Van Rensselaer, chairman; Drs. J. K. Rodgers, A. Wright, Ives, Dering.

COMMITTEE OF INTELLIGENCE.—Dr. John Watts, chairman; Drs. A. H. Stevens, Peixotto, D. W. Kissam, S. R. Marshall.

METEOROLOGICAL COMMITTEE.—Dr. Pascalis, chairman; Drs. W. F. Seaman, Drake, A. Hamersley, Gram.

COMMITTEE ON DISEASES.—Dr. Stearns, chairman; Drs. J. M. Smith, Hanson, Hibbard, Wood.

The attending accoucheurs to the "Out of doors Lying-in Charity" were continued, and Dr. A. L. Anderson added for the 7th Ward.

A list of the members elect who had neglected to sign the By-Laws was then read.

Dr. Baxter expressed his desire to be excused from accepting the office of Recording Secretary, when a new election was held, and Dr. Marcus Sears was elected in his place, as certified by the Inspectors, Drs. B. R. Kissam and M. Sears.

Society adjourned.

JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

At a Stated Meeting, held Aug. 14th, 1826, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk, President, in the chair; Drs. Osborn, Hanson, Stearns, Pendleton, A. Wright, Van Rensselaer, D. W. Kissam, J. K. Rodgers, Gram, Delafield, Cheesman, Sears.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Thos. M. Drake having produced satisfactory testimonials of study to the Comitia, and having been examined by the Censors, and recommended for a public examination before the Society, was again examined by the Censors, and duly admitted to the privileges of practicing physic and surgery in this State, and was addressed by the President. Dr. L. Saynish was duly elected a member of the Society. Charles Peirson, medical graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, was proposed by Dr. Hanson as an ordinary member of the Society.

A printed circular from the New Hampshire Medical Society was read, and it was

On motion—

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to write to the Secretary of the N. Hampshire Medical Society and request papers and information relative to said circular.

Society adjourned.

JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Corresponding Secr'y.*

At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of the County of New York, held in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Sept. 11th, 1826.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk, President, in the chair; Drs. Osborn, Cheesman, A. H. Stevens, Van Rensselaer, J. K. Rodgers, Cock, Brooks, B. R. Kissam, Gilman, Conger.

The minutes were read and approved (of the last meeting).

A letter was read from Dr. Sears (addressed to the President) resigning his office as Recording Secretary, in consequence of removal from the city. His resignation was accepted. It was,

Resolved, That an election be now held to supply the vacancy.

Upon counting the ballots, the Inspectors (Drs. Van Rens-

selaer and Cheesman) certified that Dr. D. L. M. Peixotto was elected Recording Secretary.

Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers proposed Dr. Wm. H. Boyd as a candidate for ordinary membership.

Adjourned.

JER. VAN RENNSELAER, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, Oct. 9th, 1826.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society of New York.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Van Rensselaer, Hanson, Gorman, Cameron, Pascalis, Osborn, A. Hamersley, Underhill, Peixotto, W. Hamersley, Dering, Gram, Stearns, Pendleton, Seaman, Phelps, Sweeny.

Geo. W. Boyd having been recommended by the Comitia Minora as a candidate for the degree, was examined by Dr. Pendleton, and, after an address from the President, admitted to practice physic and surgery. Medical students were present.

Dr. Hanson communicated to the Society a case of disease of the Liver, and made an exhibition of the diseased organ.

Dr. Wm. H. Boyd, of New York, was admitted an ordinary member.

Dr. Pendleton moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of procuring a room for the meetings of the Society. Carried.

Drs. Pendleton, Pascalis, and Osborn, were appointed.

Drs. Jno. B. Loring, and William C. Hickok, were recommended and proposed as members of this Society, by Dr. Osborn. Drs. Pierson and Dorrance, by Dr. Hanson.

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, Nov. 2nd, 1826.—At a Special Meeting of the Medical Society, convened at the request of eleven members, viz., Dr. Osborn, &c., &c.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Pennel, Manley, Pascalis, Simpson, A. Wright, D. W. Kissam, Hosack, D. L. Rogers, Beck, Pen-

dleton, Conger, Jacques, Delafield, Francis, F. G. King, Dering, Sweeny, F. U. Johnston, Hibbard, A. Hamersley, McNevin, Townsend, J. K. Rodgers, Osborn, Van Doren, Mead, and Peixotto.

Dr. Peixotto introduced certain resolutions opposed to the licenses and degrees of all colleges located in this State deriving authority from other States. Much discussion followed, but before the resolutions were acted upon, the

Society adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, November 13, 1826.—At a Stated Meeting of the Med. Soc. of New York.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Blatchly, D. L. Rogers, Cheesman, B. P. Kissam, Hanson, Cock, Hosack, Pendleton, F. U. Johnston, Stearns, Murray, Pascalis, McNevin, Weed, Gilman, S. Brown, Peixotto, Beck, Townsend, F. Cooper, Sterling, A. Hamersley.

Dr. John B. Loring having been recommended by the Com. Minora, was elected an ordinary member.

Dr. G. De Lanuza was proposed by Dr. Pascalis as a member.

Dr. Townsend proposed Dr. W. W. Powers, Dr. Godman, and Dr. A. E. Hosack, as ordinary members.

Dr. Beck proposed Dr. J. Aug. Smith and J. F. Dana.

The Meteorological Committee reported progress.

Dr. Stearns called for information from the Biographical Committee appointed in 1824, upon which a motion was made and carried, that the Secretary notify the chairman of the call, and request him to report at the next meeting.

Dr. Stearns also called on the committee on Quack Remedies, upon which a similar motion to the last was made, and likewise carried.

It was moved and carried that the notices convening the members of the Society to the Stated Meetings be hereafter published in two morning and two evening papers, and that students of medicine be publicly notified of the intended exam-

ination of candidates for license, and invited to attend the same. It was also

Resolved, That members be notified of Special Meetings in the usual way.

Dr. Sterling read a memoir on an interesting case of Obstetrics.

The thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to Dr. S., and his communication was referred to the Com. Minora.

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, Dec. 11th, 1826.—At a Stated Meeting of the Med. Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Pascalis, Loring, Van Rensselaer, Peixotto, Cock, Baxter, A. Hamersley, Dering, Cheesman, J. K. Rodgers, Gram, F. U. Johnston, Pendleton, Osborn, Hanson, Sterling.

Dr. De Lanuza, recommended by the Com. Min., was elected a member.

The Vice-President read the following communication:

"Dr. Benjamin B. Dorrance, late President of the Medical Society of the County of Sullivan, is well known to us, and from the knowledge we have of his character for many years past, we are of opinion that he should be elected *viva voce* a member of the Medical Society of this County.

"(Signed) JOHN WATTS, Jun.
"THOMAS COCK.

"Dec. 11th, 1826."

Dr. Dorrance was then elected *viva voce* a member of this Society.

Dr. B. B. Coit was proposed as a member by Dr. Peixotto.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers moved that a committee be now appointed to instruct the Delegate. Carried.

Drs. J. K. Rodgers, Pendleton, and Hamersley, were appointed.

The testimonials of Dr. Heston were laid before the Society, entitling him to practice.

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, January 8th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, A. Hamersley, Van Rensselaer, Manley, Osborn, Pascalis, Andw. Anderson, Dering, Stevens, Beck, Cheesman, Conger, Rockwell, J. K. Rodgers, Pendleton, Loring, Peixotto.

Dr. J. A. Smith, recommended by the Com. Minora, was, on motion, unanimously elected, *viva voce*, a member.

Dr. B. B. Coit was unanimously elected.

Dr. Pascalis, from the com. on Quack Remedies, reported progress.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers, from the com. appointed to instruct the Delegate, reported that the committee had not convened, and moved that the com. be discharged. Lost.

The President laid before the Society the credentials of Dr. Ackerly. They were referred to the Com. Minora.

Dr. Beck moved that this Society, when it adjourn, adjourn to the 22nd inst., to receive the report of the com. appointed to instruct the Delegate.

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, January 22nd, 1827.—At an Adjourned Meeting of the Med. Society of New York.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, J. K. Rodgers, Mead, Manley, B. P. Kissam, Gram, Stearns, D. L. Rogers, F. G. King, J. A. Smith, Beck, Sterling, A. Hamersley, Saynisch, Hosack, Pendleton, Borrowe, Pascalis, Conger, Baxter, Loring, R. M. Johnson, F. U. Johnston, McNevin, Pennel, Peixotto.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers, from the com. appointed to instruct the Delegate, made the following report:

The committee appointed to draw up instructions for the Delegate to the State Med. Society, beg leave to report:

That at several conferences at which the Delegate was present, they had under consideration the various subjects that in their opinion might conduce to the welfare of the profession. The result of their deliberations they present under the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Delegate be directed to use his influence to procure the passage of a law directing the Grand Jury to prosecute in cases of a violation of the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

2nd. *Whereas*, The State Medical Society addressed a letter to the Board of Regents requesting them to confer the honorary degree of medicine on certain respectable physicians, on the recommendation of said Society,

Resolved, That the Delegate be directed to unite with the Society in the prosecution of said object.

3rd. *Resolved*, That he use his influence to procure the passage of a law authorizing the Med. Society of the County of New York to hold real property to the amount of ten thousand dollars, and personal property to any amount exclusively appertaining to the promotion of medical science; such property, real and personal, to be inalienable, and in perpetuity to belong to this Society.

4thly. *Resolved*, That the Delegate use his influence with the State Society to ask of the Board of Regents the establishment of a Lectureship of Pharmacy in each of the medical colleges of this State.

5th. *Resolved*, That he unite his influence with that of the State Society in obtaining a passage of a law ordaining that no candidate be admitted to an examination for license until he shall have given testimonials of his having attended a full course of lectures in a regularly authorized college of medicine.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Delegate be directed to urge the passage of a law exempting legal practitioners from being called upon to perform military and jury duties.

7thly. *Resolved*, That in compliance with a resolution of the State Medical Society, the Delegate be furnished with a list of candidates who have been examined by the Society during the last year, and by them admitted to the practice of physic and surgery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. K. RODGERS, *Chairman.*

The report having been read, was acted upon by paragraphs, and accepted, with the exception of the 4th resolution, which was laid on the table.

Dr. Manley then offered a resolution to the following effect. (See minutes of next meeting.)

Before this resolution was acted upon, the Society, upon the motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers,

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, February 12th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Osborn, Stevens, Van Rensselaer, Dering, Cock, Pendleton, Delafield, J. K. Rodgers, Stearns, Conger, Beck, Manley, Pascalis, Peixotto, Hammersly, J. A. Smith, Coit, De Lanuza.

Dr. W. C. Hickock, recommended by the Com. Min., was unanimously elected a member.

Dr. Geo. Ackerly's credentials were approved.

Dr. Van Rensselaer proposed the Chevalier De Kerckhoff, M.D., of Antwerp, as a member.

The Delegate to the State Med. Society made a report of the proceedings of that body, and announced the election of Dr. Onderdonk, the President of this Society, as a permanent member of the State Society.

Dr. Manley offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:

Resolved, As the sense of this Society, that it is expedient that a law be immediately enacted providing that from and after its passage no foreign diploma (that is, a diploma issued by any other authority than this State) to practice physic and surgery, shall be a license to practice the same in this State until it shall have been submitted to the Medical Society of this State for approval, and have received their seal. And further, that no diploma be simply considered a license to practice in this State, if issued by any other authority than such as are of this State, unless the same is a legal license in the State from which it emanates.

Dr. J. K. Rodgers moved that a copy of this resolution be

forthwith transmitted to the Board of Regents and the State Medical Society. Carried.

Adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, March 12th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Cock, Watts, Pascalis, J. K. Rodgers, Osborn, Stearns, Saynisch, J. A. Smith, Delafield, Conger, Dering, Johnston, Cockcroft, Pendleton, Jos. M. Smith, Van Rensselaer, Beck, Loring, Hibbard, S. Brown, Peixotto, G. Smiths, Stevens, Rockwell, Gram, A. L. Anderson, C. C. Blatchly, Hamersley.

Mr. Clarke, recommended by the Com. Min., having been examined by the Censors, was unanimously elected to the practice of physic and surgery, and addressed by the President.

The President having retired, and Dr. Cock being called to the chair, Dr. J. K. Rodgers moved that the Society approve the conduct of the President for his defence of the honor of the Society in relation to an anonymous publication under the signature of C. S. D. Carried.

The ayes and noes being called for, all the members present were found to be in the affirmative, with the exception of Drs. Osborn and Pendleton, who voted in the negative, and of Dr. Loring, who declined to vote.

The Society then adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, M.D., *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, April 9th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, J. A. Smith, D. L. Rogers, B. R. Kissam, Baxter, J. K. Rodgers, Rhinelander, Stearns, Dering, A. Hamersley, Loring, Sterling, Stevens, Manley, Van Rensslaer, Delafield, F. U. Johnston, and Peixotto.

Dr. Rhinelander appeared and took his seat.

The Chevalier De Kerckhoff was elected an honorary and corresponding member.

Dr. Charles Pierson was unanimously elected an ordinary member.

Drs. J. Trenor, John J. Graves, and George Ackerly, were proposed as ordinary members.

Dr. Baxter read an interesting account of the successful attempt of Dr. Civiale, in Paris, to break Calculi in the Bladder.

The communication of Dr. Baxter was accepted, and referred to the Comitia Minora.

The thanks of the Society was voted to Dr. Baxter.

The Society then adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, M.D., *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, May 14th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, J. A. Smith, Hosack, McNevin, Piatt, J. M. Smith, J. K. Rodgers, Baylies, Van Rensselaer, Peixotto, Cock, Rhinelander, Francis, Degray, Davis, Cockcroft, Dering, Osborn, Ives, Conger, Stevens, Pendleton, Hibbard, A. L. Anderson, Stillwell, J. J. Howe, F. U. Johnston, Cheesman, Stearns, Beck, Sterling, Ferris, D. L. Rodgers, A. Hamersley, Blatchly, Simpson, Hanson, Pascalis, Van Doren.

After the minutes were read and approved of, the Society proceeded to ballot for the following gentlemen, who were proposed at the last meeting as members, and who were all elected, viz.: Drs. George Ackerly, John J. Graves, Alexander E. Hosack, and J. Trenor.

Dr. D. Tomlinson, formerly President of the Dutchess Medical Society, was elected *viva voce* to an *ad-eundem* membership.

The following persons were then proposed as members, viz.: Drs. Aneas S. Condit, James Anderson, Benj'n. Denham, Ths. L. Smith, J. E. Cornell, James H. Rogers, John Cox Davis, H. A. Riley, Mark Stephenson, S. C. Roe, E. P. Milledoller, P. Forrester, R. Greenhow, Bryant, J. D. Harris, Wm. M. Ireland, R. D. Bolles, J. F. Gray, A. L. Cox, L. Proudfoot, Z. Chandler, Sanford R. Knapp, John Brinkerhoff, Luke Barker, Ab'm Van

Gelder, W. S. Smith, Peter Pratt, Alfred C. Post, —— Hunter, P. Van Arsdale, Benj'n Bailey, M. McIlvaine, Moore Hoyt, W. C. Palmer, John G. Vought.

Dr. Constancia, of Lisbon, was proposed by Dr. Pascalis as an honorary member.

The Society then adjourned.

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, M.D., *Sec'y.*

NEW YORK, June 11th, 1827.—At a Stated Meeting of the Medical Society.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Stearns, S. Brown, Simpson, McVicker, J. J. Howe, McNevin, A. T. Hunter, Van Rensselaer, Cock, Gram, J. M. Smith, J. W. Francis, D. W. Kissam, J. K. Rodgers, D. L. Rogers, J. Ackerley, Gilman, Conger, Saynisch, Sterling, A. B. Loring, Delafield, A. E. Hosack, Hosack, M. Willett, Jr., Jaques, Osborn, Pascalis, Dayton, Trenor, J. B. Beck, Coit, Dering, J. J. Graves, Peixotto, Pendleton, Manley, F. U. Johnston, Baxter.

The following gentlemen were elected members, viz.: Drs. Conditt, Cornell, Forrester, J. D. Godman, J. H. Rogers, Phil. Van Arsdale, Luke Barker, H. A. Riley, J. Brinckerhoff, W. S. Smith, T. L. Smith, Z. Chandler, W. W. Powers.

The Secretary informed the Society that Dr. M. McIlvaine, who had been proposed at the last meeting, desired that his name should be withdrawn, he having been proposed without his knowledge or consent.

The following gentlemen were proposed as ordinary members: Drs. Peter Van Arsdale, James J. Rumsey, Lewis Belden, Charles J. Tripler.

Dr. Pascalis, from the committee on Quack Remedies, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Drs. Wm. Hamersley, J. R. Manley, and J. Watts, Jr., be added to the committee on Quack Remedies, in the place of Drs. McNevin, Baxter, and Greenhow, resigned. Carried.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to draw upon

the Treasurer any sum not exceeding thirty dollars for necessary expenses by them to be incurred. Carried.

Resolved, That said committee present their final report at an extra meeting to be held on the 25th inst., for that and other unfinished business. Carried.

Dr. Pascalis also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on such By-Laws as may require alteration or adoption, and that their report be presented at the next extra meeting.

Dr. Stearns rose to read a lecture, but the Society then adjourned.

NEW YORK, June 25th, 1827.—At an Adjourned Meeting of the Med. Soc.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, J. M. Smith, D. Kissam, D. Hosack, G. Cooper, Dayton, D. L. Rogers, T. L. Smith, Pendleton, Stearns, Jaques, W. Hamersley, Buchanan, F. Cooper, Dunnell, Jas. Rogers, Pascalis, Manley, Wright, Osborn, A. Hamersley, Willett, Godman, J. K. Rodgers, Cock, Sterling, Rhinelander, S. Brown, C. C. Blatchly, McNevin, Weed, Dering, Johnston, Rockwell, Loring, Sweeny.

On motion—

Resolved, That the committee on Quack Medicines have reported on two of the subjects under their consideration, viz.: the Vapor Bath and ——— Panacea, and that the committee continue.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President appoint a Secretary *pro tem.*

Whereupon Dr. A. Hamersley was appointed.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society meet on the ensuing Monday at the usual hour, for the purpose of hearing the conclusion of the report on Quack Medicines, and for attending to such other business as may be presented to the Society.

(Signed) A. HAMERSLEY, *pro tem.*

On motion, adjourned.

Dr. Isaac C. Hiersey (185 Chatham St.) was proposed a member by Dr. Dering.

NEW YORK, July 2nd, 1827.

Present—Drs. Onderdonk, Osborn, J. K. Rodgers, C. E. Pierson, Sweeny, A. Wright, Pendleton, C. Wright, Cock, Manley, F. U. Johnston, C. Drake, T. Boyd, D. L. Rogers, Conger, B. B. Coit, Jaques, J. A. Smith, G. Ackerly, Pascalis, Stearns, J. D. Godman, Ives, Andrew Anderson, W. Hamersley, J. M. Smith, Condit, Van Doren, H. A. Riley, Simpson, Hibbard, J. B. Beck, A. Hamersley, Baxter, W. Powers, Dayton, Cornell, Willett, Kuypers, Cheesman, Sterling, H. Duval, Dunnell, A. Anderson, Weed, Monroy, S. Brown, J. J. Graves, J. W. Francis, Stillwell, Degray, G. Smith, J. J. Howe, McVicker, Stevens, Z. Chandler.

The report on Quack Remedies called up; some discussion having arisen, Dr. J. A. Smith moved that the committee on Quack Remedies be enlarged. Carried.

Drs. Ives and Johnston were appointed.

Adjourned.

At an Ann'l Meeting of the Medical Society, held July 9th, 1827.

Present—Dr. Onderdonk and 130 members.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Comitia Minora for the last year, and those of the last meetings of the Society, were read and approved.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were appointed tellers: Drs. Manley, C. E. Pierson, and W. Rockwell, for President and Vice-President. Drs. J. C. Bliss, Pendleton, and A. Hamersley for the other officers.

The following reports were received from the tellers—read reports:

We, the undersigned, Inspectors of Election for the offices of President and Vice-President of the Medical Society of the County of New York, do certify this 9th day of July, 1827, that one hundred and twenty-six votes were taken at said election, and that John Onderdonk had seventy-one votes for President, and David Hosack had forty-eight votes for the same office. That Thomas Cock had seventy-eight votes for Vice-President, and that Felix Pascalis had forty-three votes for the same office,

and that there were ten scattering votes for various candidates, none of whom had more than three.

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY.
CHARLES E. PIERSON.
WILLIAM ROCKWELL.

The undersigned, Inspectors of the Election of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Censors of the New York Medical Society, hereby certify that Jeremiah Van Rensselaer has received one hundred and eleven votes for the office of Corresponding Secretary, that J. J. Graves has seventy-five votes for the office of Recording Secretary, and William F. Pratt thirty-six votes for the same office. William Hibbard has seventy votes for the office of Treasurer, and A. T. Hunter, thirty.

For Censors—John C. Cheesman has received eighty-one, J. K. Rodgers seventy-seven, D. L. M. Peixotto seventy-four, F. U. Johnston seventy-one, and E. G. Ludlow sixty-five; John Stearns thirty-six, C. Pierson twenty, F. G. King thirty-three, D. L. Rodgers twenty-seven, J. M. Pendleton thirty-one.

Beside the above, several individuals received votes, none of which had more than two ballots.

(Signed) J. H. BLISS.
KEARNEY RODGERS.
A. HAMERSLEY.

NEW YORK, July 9th, 1827.

The following gentlemen were appointed to audit accounts of the Treasurer: Drs. A. L. Anderson, Peixotto, and Rockwell.

It was moved and carried that when the Society adjourned, it adjourned to meet on Monday next, the 16th instant.

(Signed) DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, *Secretary*.

Adjourned Meeting, July 16th.

The President, Messrs. Van Doren, Hamersley, Delafield, Sterling, J. Kearney Rodgers, Rhinelander, Hibbard, Pierson, A. Hamersley, Cornell, Blatchly, J. M. Smith, D. L. Rogers, Conger, J. A. Smith, Peixotto, A. Wright, Stearns, Jaques, J. Rogers, Weed, Manley, Riley, Pendleton, Osborn, Cheesman, Ives, and Graves.

The minutes of proceeding were read.

Drs. R. K. Hoffman and Cyrus Perkins were proposed as ordinary members.

The Society proceeded to the election of Lecturers for the ensuing year, and Drs. D. L. Rogers and W. Hibbard were appointed tellers, who, after counting the ballots, reported the following gentlemen as elected:

Drs. Coit, A. Hamersley, Ives, Manley, Peixotto, Sterling, J. A. Smith, Rhinelander, Saynisch, Stearns, Willett.

The President then appointed the following Standing Committees:

LIBRARY.—Drs. Ives, Dering, Saynisch, Willett, and Gilman.

COM. OF INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. Pierson, Cockcroft, Dayton, B. P. Kissam, and D. W. Kissam.

ON DISEASES.—Drs. Hanson, Reynolds, Phelps, Ferris, and Sweeny.

METEOROLOGICAL COMMITTEE.—S. W. Moore, A. Hamersley, Gram, McVicker, and Baxter.

A letter from Dr. Pascalis was read reporting on the several committees of which he was chairman during the past year.

A communication entitled a "Plain Statement of Facts," from the same gentleman was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the communication be returned to the writer together with a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary call upon Dr. Pascalis and request the papers, whether finished or unfinished, appertaining to the business of the committee on Quack Medicines, together with an account of the monies expended on that subject, and the balance, if any, remaining in his hands.

Resolved, That the Secretary on the receipt of such papers and monies or accounts give them over to Dr. Hamersley, the present chairman of the com., as soon afterwards as convenient.

Resolved, That the Library Committee be instructed to furnish suitable rooms, &c., for the accommodation of the library.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Aug. 13th.

The President, Messrs. Manley, Ludlum, Baxter, Sterling, Cock, J. K. Rodgers, Loring, Bliss, Wright, Hickock, Blatchly,

Barker, Delafield, F. U. Johnston, Beck, Stearns, J. M. Smith, Graves, and Kissam.

The minutes of last regular and adjourned meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Bibby was proposed as a resident member.

Drs. J. H. Hersey, Ab'm. L. Cox, Lewis Belden, and Peter Van Arsdale, having been recommended by the Com. Minora, were unanimously elected resident members of the Society.

Dr. Constancia, of ———, proposed by Dr. Pascalis, was elected an honorary member.

Dr. Manley, from committee on Quack Medicines, read a report in part on Chambers' Remedy for Intemperance.

Resolved, That the report be left with the same comm., to be completed and read at an Adjourned Meeting to be held on Monday, the 20th inst.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the chairman of the comm. on Quack Medicines a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars to defray the expenses of the analysis of certain nostrums.

Resolved, That an additional member be added to the same committee.

Whereupon Dr. Hasbrouck was appointed.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration such measures as it may be expedient for this Society to adopt to check the alarming progress of intemperance, and report to this Society at their next Stated Meeting.

Drs. Cock, Bliss, Ives, J. M. Smith, and Blatchly, were appointed as such committee.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Aug. 20th.

The President, Messrs. J. K. Rodgers, Ives, J. Rogers, Kissam, Beck, Mead, Manley, Dering, Gilman, Stearns, Baxter, Sterling, Cock, Osborn, Hickock, J. M. Smith, Hamersley, Tomlinson, Johnston, Peixotto, Coit, Duval, Hibbard, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Manley, from the comm. on Quack Medicines, read full reports on Le Roy's Med. Curative, and Chambers' Remedy.

Resolved, That the report on Chambers' Remedy for Intemperance be referred to the comm. on Quack Medicines, to be published under their directions.

Resolved, That the report on Swaim's Panacea, and Le Roy's Medicine Curative, be referred back to the comm. on Quack Medicines, to be published under their direction.

Resolved, That the comm. on Quack Medicines be required to furnish a detailed report of their labors.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Sept. 10th.

The President, Messrs. Cock, Ives, Baylies, Beck, J. M. Smith, Bliss, Monroy, Sterling, Jaques, Van Rensselaer, Manley, J. A. Smith, Howe, Dering, Watts, Saynisch, Baxter, Graves, Gilman, Johnston, T. L. Smith, Van Doren, Ludlow, Stearns, and Hanson.

Drs. Richard K. Hoffman, and Benj'n Bailey, having been recommended by the Com. Minora, were unanimously elected ordinary members.

A circular letter from the Cortlandt Co. Med. Society recommending an application to the Legislature for an alteration of the 2nd Provision of the 20th Section of the Statute of 1813, was referred to the Com. Minora.

Dr. Manley, from the com. on Quack Medicines, offered to the Society an addition to their former report, asking permission to incorporate the same in the report now printing.

Resolved, That the comm. have permission to cause the same to be printed.

Dr. Stearns read a paper "On the origin of the Law to Incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of Regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery in the State of New York, passed 4th April, 1806."

Resolved, That said communication be recorded on the minutes of this Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare amendments and alterations to the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State, and that they report to this Society on Monday next.

Drs. Stearns, Van Rensselaer, Watts, and Onderdonk, were appointed such committee.

Dr. Bliss, from the comm. "To take into consideration the expediency of adopting measures to check the progress of intemperance," read a report which was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the same be published under the directions of the committee, and that the same be signed by the President and Secretary.

Dr. Ives offered the following resolution, which was read, and it was ordered to be laid on the table.

Resolved, That this Society will give a premium of fifty dollars, or a medal of the same value, for the best dissertation on the various kinds of beverage in common use, embracing a description of their qualities and of their effects upon health, and pointing out particularly such articles as may be best substituted for ardent spirits.

With the view of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish the same, and be given notice that all such dissertations must be forwarded to him, post paid, on or before the 1st day of ———, 1828, each being accompanied with a sealed letter containing the name of the author; that the dissertations thus received shall be examined by the Comitia Minora, and the one which shall be approved by them shall be read at the next regular meeting of the Society, and afterwards published.

Resolved, That when this Society adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, the 17th inst.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Origin of the Law "To Incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of Regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery, passed 4th April, 1806." Read Sept. 10th, by Dr. Stearns.

The influence which medical societies have had upon the profession, and the general misapprehension of their origin, impart

to this topic an interest which I trust will not be deemed inappropriate to the occasion of the present meeting. This interest is enhanced by the consideration, that the time will soon elapse when those who are concerned in originating this law will have passed the confines of time without having left a single record of the fact by which the numerous errors which have obtained publicity in our scientific journals might be corrected, and justice rendered to whom it is due.

From these publications I shall select the following paragraph from a biographical notice of Dr. Bruce in the 1st volume of Silliman's Journal of Science: "Previous to the year 1806 the practice of Physic and Surgery in the State of New York was regulated by no public authority, and of course was not in the happiest condition to promote the respectability and usefulness of the profession. To remove as far as possible the existing circumstances, Dr. Bruce became an active agent, and in conjunction with Dr. Romayne and other medical gentlemen of New York, succeeded in establishing the State and County Medical Societies under the sanction of the Legislature. This act may be considered among the first efforts made in this country to reduce medicine to a regular science by investing the privileges of medical men in the body of the members of the profession."

The President of the N. Y. County Med. Society, in his inaugural address for 1824, also states that this is the parent Society from which the other institutions of a similar character throughout the State have emanated. Without multiplying similar quotations to evince the error of public opinion, I take this occasion explicitly to state that neither Dr. Bruce, nor Dr. Romayne, nor this "Medical Society," nor any physician then resident in the City of New York, had any knowledge of the preliminary measures which led to the formation of this law, or the most minute agency in procuring its passage through the Legislature. These measures were commenced exclusively in the County of Saratoga, with a view to reclaim the profession from that degradation and contempt to which it had been reduced by ignorance, professional cavils, and the grossest empiricism.

Those who witnessed the original and progressive settlement of the northern and western sections of this State since the year 1790, will recognize the mania that infatuated the emigrants from the east, and the ambitious projects formed by those who assumed the title of *Doctor*. Many who had never read a volume on medicine were suddenly introduced to an extensive practice, and to a reputation of such imposing authority as to control the opinions of their superiors in science, and to prescribe rules of practice for their government. Consultations were generally distinguished for gross controversies at the bed-

side of the patient, when life and health were often immolated to the ignorance, prejudices, or discordant theories of the contending physicians. Their skill was generally graduated by their ability to magnify the cures they had made.

Gratifying indeed would it be at this enlightened period to bear testimony to the total extinction of this relique of quackery, and to the abolition of that still more ridiculous and growing imposture, that indignity of our profession, which by the sign of a common vendor converts the medical office designed for the cure of all diseases into a private infirmary for curing those only which belong to a particular organ. But so great has been the change in public opinion that empirics now seldom boast of their intuitive knowledge, their magic incantations, or their initiation into the mysteries of Indian practice, but are compelled to assume the appearance of learning, and affix to their names the fictitious appendage of "M.D." A proof that scientific physicians will always be patronized as the public mind becomes enlightened.

The ignorance of the practitioners had so obscured the science of medicine at the period referred to, that reflecting physicians united in the necessity of adopting vigorous means for a radical reform. In 1796 a series of numbers were accordingly published in the newspapers of Saratoga, which directed the attention of the profession to the subject of instituting medical societies, and ultimately led to the formation of a society in that county, consisting of 21 physicians. But so discordant were its materials, and so incompetent to sustain the character of a scientific institution, that the year of its formation became the period of its dissolution. This want of success did not prevent the renewal of future efforts. In Nov., 1805, another meeting was held, at which committees were appointed, and a resolution passed to invite the co-operation of the physicians of the adjoining counties of Washington and Montgomery. The following is a copy of the circular issued on that occasion:

BALLSTON, Nov. 7th, 1805.

SIR—At a meeting of the physicians of the County of Saratoga convened this day at the Court House in Ballston, for the purpose of devising means to improve the practice of medicine, we were appointed a committee to impart the object and wishes of that meeting to our professional brethren in the counties of Washington and Montgomery. In that character we beg leave to recommend to your earnest attention the necessity of adopting some vigorous measures for the suppression of empircism, and the encouragement of regular practitioners. The evil calls loudly for the united efforts of all who sincerely wish to remove

from that valuable science the imputation of quackery, under which, from the ignorance of some of its professors, it not unjustly labors. The wish of the meeting is to procure from the Legislature of the State their sanction to a Medical Society, and we request your attendance at the Court House in Ballston, on the 16th Jan'y next, at ten o'clock A. M., either in person or by a committee of your County, for the purpose of adopting the best means of obtaining an act of incorporation.

We remain, &c.

(Signed) WM. PATRICK, JOHN STEARNS, GRANT POWELL, } *Committee of Correspondence.*

Pursuant to the notice in this circular, a delegation from these counties attended the adjourned meeting at the same place on the 16th January, 1806. A memorial to the Legislature was then reported, adopted and signed, and a committee of three, consisting of Dr. Fitch of Washington, Dr. Stearns of Saratoga, and Dr. Sheldon of Montgomery, were appointed to carry the same into effect. The committee from Saratoga and Montgomery attended the ensuing session of the Legislature, and fortunately for the cause of science, the latter gentleman, Dr. Alexander Sheldon, was that year elected Speaker of the House. Although the meeting at Saratoga did not contemplate the extension of the law beyond the limits of those three counties, the committee assumed the responsibility of making it general, and of extending its privileges to every county in the State. Accompanied with this explanatory view of the subject, they presented the memorial to the House of Assembly on the 25th Feb'y, 1806, who referred it to a committee consisting of William Livingston and Isaac Sargeant, of Washington, Gordon Huntingdon, of Otsego, John Ely, of Greene, and Joel Frost, of Westchester. The majority of this comm. being medical men, favorably received the plan for a general law to extend the Act of Incorporation through the State, which they finally matured and reported to the House. The powerful opposition to this bill threatened its early and prompt rejection by a large majority. The Speaker, the committee, and several other members, gave it a very able and vigorous support. But notwithstanding all the exertions and political influence of its friends, the danger to which the tranquillity of the State would be exposed by the incorporation of forty distinct associations of physicians was so magnified by the opposition, and the impression thereby made upon the House was so great, that but feeble hopes were entertained of its success. At this critical juncture, when a decisive vote against the bill was every moment expected to be taken,

the late Hon. Wm. P. Van Ness rose, its most eloquent and powerful advocate, and perhaps the pre-eminent powers of his parliamentary eloquence were never exerted with greater effect. He refuted the arguments of the opposition, portrayed the benefits to the profession and to the public in such glowing colors, and with so much energy and zeal that the opposition became feeble, the friends to the bill increased, and from that moment the successful issue was rendered certain. To his memory do the profession owe a monument of marble, with their gratitude deeply engraven upon its tablet.

On the first Tuesday of July, 1806, three months after the passage of the law, about twenty societies were organized pursuant to its provisions, and within two years scarcely a county in the State of any considerable population was without a duly organized medical society. But although the bill passed both Houses of the Legislature, it was subjected to such alterations and amendments as to sacrifice some of its best features, and to substitute others, some of which have been repealed while others remain a disgrace to our statute books. The public mind was not yet sufficiently enlightened to consent to the total extinction of quackery at one blow. Its friends sought a refuge for its remains under the section which exempts from the penalties of the law all whose practice is limited to the indigenous plants of our own country. Little did the Legislature imagine the latitude of the license they thereby conferred, or that by a single proviso they legalized the boldest empirics in the use of the most powerful means. It was like arming madmen with weapons of death. Until that proviso is repealed, the penalties of the law can never be enforced, and one of its prominent objects will be defeated. But when we reflect that this same Legislature at the same time granted $1,000 to a notorious quack for the disclosure of a ridiculous cure for the Hydrophobia, we are astonished that so much has been obtained. Another material defect arises from its being made the duty of the overseers of the poor to prosecute for all penalties, and to receive for their benefit all monies that may be collected by such prosecution. The whole power must be conferred upon the Medical Society, and all the penalties and monies that may be collected should be deposited in its treasury. A fund will thus be accumulated by each Society, and an interest will consequently be felt, and a vigilance excited to detect every violation of the law, and to arraign before the bar of the public.

The powers delegated to the State Society are of the most interesting importance to the profession, and do not seem to have been duly appreciated by that body. While individual members of the profession have in each county society their

local courts, the State Society constitutes a Medical Legislature and a Supreme Court of Errors, an appeal to which all may have recourse to as the last resort. It is also its duty to deliberate on the interests of the profession, and of each medical society under its jurisdiction, and to adopt the most efficient measures to promote the benefit of the whole. But excepting one session in 1809 of more than three weeks duration, so short have been its annual meetings at Albany, that these subjects have received either a very partial attention, or been totally disregarded. The Society has seldom done more than to hear the President's Address, elect officers, and adjourn. I am aware of the full force of the objection that without funds the members are unable to sustain the expense of a protracted sojourn. But that great sacrifices must be incurred is well known to all who have done their duty in meliorating the ills of life. I feel, however, full confidence in the opinion that adequate funds might be obtained by uniting in a suitable representation to the Legislature. Such a representation once produced a general impression in favor of a bill reported to the Senate for 5,000 acres of land for benefit of the State Society, but at the critical moment when the bill was confidently expected to pass, a remonstrance from certain physicians defeated the great and important objects we had in view. It is by such collisions among members of the profession that we have occasion to regret the ill success of similar applications, and the imperfections of our medical laws—a regret in which there is reason to believe some who thus opposed the application for funds have since largely participated. By the aid of these and other amendments and alterations that might be suggested, I have no hesitation in asserting that quackery might be exiled from our State, and the profession restored to its own legitimate practice. The interests and the character of the profession and the public good require from each of its members, and from each medical society, a combined and mighty effort, an effort that cannot fail in obtaining from the Legislature everything that may be deemed important and necessary to elevate the profession to that commanding eminence to which it is justly entitled. Although much has been done to diffuse medical science, and to improve the healing art, much remains to be done to aid its onward march to its highest destiny. Neither principles, nor science, nor dignity of character should ever be sacrificed in our medical meetings to coalitions to promote the interested or ambitious views of individuals, of rival institutions, or of other sectional divisions in the profession. To make this Society the theatre of collisions between individuals, between contending parties, will prevent the designs of the institution, wasting its usefulness, and accelerate its own dissolution. Let

the public be convinced that the promotion of science and the public good is the primary object we have in view, and their favors will be secured, the just expectations of the Legislature be fulfilled, and their future patronage be more liberally bestowed.

JOHN STEARNS.

Sept. 17th.—(Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—The President, Messrs. Cock, Peixotto, Beck, J. M. Smith, Manley, Hanson, Van Rensselaer, Willett, Rhinelander, Gilman, Dering, Dayton, J. K. Rodgers, Hickok, Stearns, Hibbard, Sterling, Jaques, Graves, and Watts.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. Stearns, from the comm. appointed to prepare amendments and alterations to the laws regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State, made a report in part. After some discussions on the proposed amendments, the Society adjourned to meet on the 18th.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Sept. 18th.—A quorum not being present, no business was transacted.

Sept. 24th.—(Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Messrs. Cock, Ludlow, Cornell, J. M. Smith, Jaques, Stearns, Watts, Dering, Beck, Dayton, Gilman, Rockwell, Sterling, Van Rensselaer, Ackerly, J. Graves, J. Aug. Smith, Manley, Phelps.

Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting read and approved.

Dr. Stearns concluded his report, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the amendments of the medical laws just accepted be engrossed, and the engrossed copy transmitted to the President of the Medical Society of the State, with a request that it may be laid before the Comitia Minora of said Society for approval or amendment as in their wisdom they judge that they require it, and with a request also that they be presented by them to the revisors, after such approval or amendment, with all convenient speed.

Adjourned. JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Oct. 9th.

Present—The President, Messrs. Manley, Blatchly, Peixotto, Hanson, Cock, Johnston, G. Cooper, Baylies, Dering, Gilman, Van Rensselaer, Beck, J. Kearney Rodgers, Barker, Stearns, Van Doren, Duvall, Loring, Hibbard, Pendleton, Ives, Baxter, Saynisch, Graves, J. A. Smith, W. Hamersley, Cornell, Reynolds.

The minutes of the last regular and the adjourned and special meetings having been read, they were approved.

Drs. S. L. Lawrence having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, was publicly examined and admitted a licentiate in physic and surgery.

Dr. Cyrus Perkins was elected an ordinary member, and Dr. James Downs, formerly President of the ——— County Medical Soc., was at the same time elected a member *ad eundem.*

Drs. Möchring and J. Leo Wolf were proposed as members by Dr. Saynisch.

Upon motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, In the year 1824 a resolution was adopted in this Society levying a tax of $1.00 pr. year on each member, and

Whereas, But eight members paid the same, therefore

Resolved, That a collector be employed to collect and receive the said amount of one dollar due from each member in said year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the comm. on Quack Medicines the amount ($98.25) of their bill of expenses incurred in printing their report.

The Com. Minora to whom was referred the circular of the Cortlandt Co. Med. Soc., report that the subject of their circular being embraced in the report of the comm. appointed to propose amendments of the laws regulating the practice of physic and surgery, it is unnecessary for them to act further on the subject.

The Com. Min. recommend that the Corresponding Sec'y be instructed to write to the said Society informing them of our previous consideration of the subject of their circular, with other proposed amendments.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Nov. 12th.

Present—Dr. Cock in the chair, Drs. Delafield, J. A. Smith, Pendleton, J. M. Smith, Cornell, T. L. Smith, Osborn, McNevin, Baxter, Van Rensselaer, Blatchly, Kissam, A. Hosack, D. Hosack, Baylies, Barker, Godman, Coit, Ludlow, Manley, Johnston, Hibbard, Graves, and Hanson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Sterling proposed Wm. Wallace, M.R.I.A., Lect. in Anatomy and Surgery, &c., &c., as a corresponding member. Upon balloting the gentleman was duly elected.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to enquire into the feasibility of procuring suitable rooms for the meetings of the Society in some public building.

Drs. Manley, Johnston, and Hibbard, were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That a special comm. be appointed to examine the character of certain spurious medicines.

Drs. Delafield, McNevin, and Pendleton, were appointed a committee.

Resolved, That the above comm. be authorized to procure and analyse such medicines, and that the expenses of the same be paid by the Society.

Resolved, That the Sect. be requested to record any report of the Library Committee made subsequent to Sept., 1824, and read the same to the Society at the next meeting.

The Com. Min. recommended Dr. J. Leo Wolf and Dr. L. Möchring as ordinary members. Upon balloting they were found to be duly elected.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sect.*

Dec. 10th.

Present—The President, Messrs. Cock, J. A. Smith, J. K. Rodgers, Jaques, Stearns, Chapman, Manley, Peixotto, Beck, Ives, D. Hosack, A. Hosack, Pendleton, McNevin, Van Rensselaer, Ludlow, Loring, Pascalis, Duvall, Coit, Condit, C. Wright, T. L. Smith, Hickok, Van Doren, Hibbard, Hoffman, Watts,

Dering, Saynisch, Hanson, Bliss, Rockwell, Wright, Delafield, Gilman, Graves. 37.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. G. Möchring and J. Le Wolf were elected ordinary members.

The Secretary announced that being unable to find among the documents any report stated to have been made by a committee appointed to procure a room for the library, &c., he consequently could not comply with the instructions given by a certain resolution at the last meeting.

Dr. Manley, from a comm. appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the feasibility of procuring a room in some public building, reported verbably and in part. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the committee appointed at the last meeting to procure from the Hon'ble the Corporation accommodations for this Society, whose verbal report has just been made, and whose memorial in their behalf has just been read, meets with our entire approbation, and that the powers of the comm. be continued.

Dr. Van Rensselaer offered a resolution that the above comm. be instructed to apply to the Com. Council for the room occupied at present by the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in the N. Y. Institution, when that society shall have removed to their new building. The resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the President of this Society cause the law which has recently passed the Legislature of this State regulating the practice of medicine and surgery within the same, to be printed in some convenient form, and that every member of this body be furnished with a copy of the same.

Resolved, Further, that the said President cause every person who comes within the purview of said law, so far as he can ascertain the individuals thus circumstanced, to be furnished with a copy of this law, and require him to comply with its provisions as soon after the first of January, 1828, (when the law goes into operation) as may be.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Society be directed to write to the Literary and Philosophical Society informing them that it is the wish of the Med. Soc. to be accommodated in some of the apartments of the New York Institution, that they have applied for the same, and that the comm. of the Common Council have expressed their willingness to accommodate the Society

immediately if the Literary and Philosophical Society will admit them to a joint occupancy of their room for a season, or till other accommodations can be provided, and request their concurrence in such an arrangement.

Resolved, That a special comm. be appointed to report to the Society at their next meeting such measures as may be proper for the Soc. to adopt to carry into operation the provisions of the law lately passed by the Legislature of our State regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

Drs. Bliss, Stearns, Cock, Ives, and Graves, were appointed such committee.

Drs. John S. Bowron, John Anderson, and John C. Davis, were proposed as ordinary members of the Society, and Dr. John Von Britton as a corresponding member.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Jan'y 14th, 1828.

The President, Messrs. Jaques, Van Rensselaer, W. Hamersley, Peixotto, Gilman, Davis, Degray, Kissam, Baxter, Dering, Conger, Manley, Johnston, Stearns, Miner, J. Aug. Smith, Rhinelander, J. Kearney Rodgers, Bliss, Cornell, Sterling, Baylies, G. A. Cooper, F. Cooper, Beck, Coit, Saynisch, Möchring, Leo Wolf, T. L. Smith, Wright, Hibbard, D. L. Rogers, Brinckerhoff, Osborn, Graves, Drake.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Drs. John C. Davis, of the city, and Dr. John Von Britton, were elected, the former a resident, the latter an honorary member.

The Pres'dt gave notice that in accordance with instructions, he had had the law lately passed by the Ligislature printed, but it being mentioned that the same was imperfect, it was

Resolved, That a correct copy of said law be printed under the direction of the President.

The Secretary read a letter from the Corr'g Secretary of the "Literary and Philosophical Society," stating that the request of the Medical Society for a joint occupancy of certain rooms in the

"New York Institution" had been laid before that Society, and referred to a committee for report.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a medical Dispensary, under the regulation of this Society, and if expedient, to report the best place to locate the same; also to consider and report a plan for the establishing a Vaccine institution for the use and under the regulation of the Society.

Ordered to be laid on the table, and to be taken up at the next regular meeting if called for.

Dr. Bliss, from the comm. appointed to perform certain duties, reported as follows:

The "comm. to whom was referred &c.," beg leave to report that they have considered the subject submitted to them. The comm. are of opinion that there is nothing contained in the provisions of the new law which requires the immediate attention of the Society except the 1st Sect. of the Act, which makes it obligatory on the Pres'dnt to give notice to every physician and surgeon to apply within sixty days after such notice for admission to the Society. To aid the Pres'dt in this duty, it is respectfully proposed that comm's be appointed in the several wards of the city for the purpose of collecting the names of such individuals as it is required shall be served with a notice from the presiding officer, and that it also be made the duty of these several comm's to report to the Society from time to time any infractions of the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State. There are some provisions of the acts regulating the practice of physic and surgery which the comm. consider of somewhat doubtful meaning, and which will require exposition from a legal adviser, and the comm. would therefore suggest the propriety of appointing a Counsellor of the Society, which office is vacant by the death of the late Mr. Emmet. In consequence of the modifications of the law, and the new provisions introduced by the new act, it will be necessary that the By-Laws of the Society should undergo a complete revision in order to adapt them to the new state of things, and the comm. would recommend that a special committee be appointed for the purpose of altering, amending and revising the By-Laws, so that they may be submitted for adoption at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society. The comm. have thrown these propositions into the following:

1*st Resolved*, That comm. of ——— be appointed in each of the several wards of the city for the purpose of collecting the names of physicians and surgeons who are not connected with

the Society, and reporting them to the President that he may give the notice to such individuals as is required by the 1st Sect. of the late Act of the Legislature regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

2nd Resolved, That ——— be and hereby is appointed the Counsellor of the Society, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him a retaining fee of fifty dollars.

3 *Resolved*, That Drs. Stearns, Cock, Ives, Dering, and Bliss, be a committee for altering, revising and amending the By-Laws of the Society, and adapting them to the provisions of the late Act of the Legislature of the State regulating the practice of physic and surgery.

(Signed) JAS. C. BLISS, *Ch'n of Comm.*

The last resolution was adopted; the preceeding ones were postponed for consideration at a future meeting of the Society.

Drs. Cadwallader, Jno. K. Hardenbrook, Hiram Upson, David Gallaher, Fred. W. Jenkins, A. V. Williams and Karsten were proposed as resident members.

Adj'd.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

January 31st, 1828. (Special.)

Present—The President, Drs. Ludlow, Dayton, Trenor, Graves, Cock, Van Doren, Cock, Dering, Manley, Willett, Johnson, Pierson, Stillwell, Piatt, Hanson, Ph. Van Arsdale, Pascalis, Gram, Stearns, Simpson, Saynisch, Barker, Osborn, Hibbard, Hoffman, Duvall, Underhill, Forrester, Kuypers, Beck, Davis, Ives, J. A. Smith, Ryley, J. Kearney Rodgers, Perkins, McNevin, Jas. Rogers, J. M. Smith, Ackerly, Baylies, Buckham, A. S. Anderson, Pendleton, A. Hamersley, D. L. Rogers, Loring, Hasbrouck, Hickock, Sweeny, B. R. Kissam, Jaques, Leo Wolf, Delafield, Rhinelander, Coit, F. U. Johnston, Conger, Möchring, Van Rensselaer, Wolf.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft instructions for the Delegate to the State Society.

Drs. Manley, Dering and Hibbard were appointed such committee, and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the committee be requested to withdraw, and report to the Society at their present sitting.

The committee, after having withdrawn, prepared and presented the following as their report:

1. *Resolved*, That the Delegate be instructed on the part of the Society to congratulate the Medical Society of the State on the passage of the recently revised Act relative to the practice of physic and surgery, inasmuch as the same is for the most part in accordance with their wishes as from time to time expressed by memorial to the Hon. the Legislature. *Ayes*, 35. *Noes*, 12.

2. *Resolved*, That he be directed to express to the Medical Society of the State the entire concurrence of this Society in all the provisions of the Act, so far as they relate to the medical license and the instruction of pupils in medical science previously to their admission to practice physic and surgery. *Unanimous.*

3. *Resolved*, That he be further directed to express to the Medical Society of the State the wish of this Society that they will take the subject of the law into consideration, and if they approve the same, that they will publicly express their approbation of it. *Unanimous.*

4. *Resolved*, That the Delegate contribute five dollars to the fund of the Med. Soc. for the encouragement of prize essays.

5. *Resolved*, That the Delegate endeavor to procure in the State Society a resolution calling upon the Delegate of the County societies for a list of their members that the same may hereafter, if thought proper, be published.

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY, WM. HIBBARD, N. H. DERING, } *Comm.*

Resolved, That the Delegate be instructed to present to the Medical Society of the State a copy of the resolution passed at a former meeting of this Society, the tenor of which resolution is, that the Medical Society of the State be requested to co-operate with the various humane and philanthropic societies in their efforts to suppress the prevalence of the habit of intemperance.

Resolved, That the Delegate be instructed to present to the Medical Society of the State, on its first meeting, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Feb. 11th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. Watts, Ludlow, Johnston, J. Kearney Rodgers, Conger, J. M. Smith, J. L. Smith, Baxter, Beck, G. Cooper, Hanson, Stearns, W. Hamersley, A. Hamersley, R. Johnson, Dayton, Cock, Hibbard, Dering, Rhinelander, and Blatchly.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Joshua Halls (student) was publicly examined upon the recommendation of the Com. Minora, and regularly admitted as a licentiate of medicine from this Society.

Drs. Karsten, J. K. Hardenbrook, McIlvaine, D. Gallaher, Wm. Baldwin, A. V. Williams, J. A. Anderson and David Green were admitted ordinary members of the Society.

Drs. Wm. A. Hamilton, G. Bancker, Ab'm Van Gelder, Xavier Tessier, John Glover, John S. Brown, Thos. C. Hubbard and F. Vanderbergh were proposed for membership.

The Society then went into a ballot for a Counsellor, and Drs. A. Hamersley and W. Hibbard were appointed tellers who, after an examination of the ballots, reported that Ogden Hoffman having received a majority of all the votes received, was elected Counsellor.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns it will be this day week, at 4 P.M.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a remonstrance to the petition from sundry practitioners of medicine in this city praying for a repeal of the late law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State, and that a copy of such remonstrance be caused to be laid before the Legislature.

Drs. Blatchly, F. U. Johnston and Stearns were appointed such committee.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y*.

February 18th, 1828. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Cock, Blatchly, Osborn, Manley, J. A. Smith, Stearns, F. U. Johnston, Dering, Hibbard, R. Kissam, Delafield, J. K. Rodgers, Beck, J. M. Smith, Ives,

McIlvaine, Hanson, Peixotto, Gilman, R. Johnson, J. H. Rogers, Coit, Baxter, Cornell, Wolfe, Karsten, A. Hamersley, Trenor, Van Rensselaer.

Dr. Blatchly, from the comm. to prepare a remonstrance, &c., presented a report which was read, accepted and ordered to be copied on the minutes, engrossed, and sent to the Legislature. A division on the acceptance being called for by Dr. Osborn, the votes were found to be as follows:

Affirmative—Drs. Onderdonk, Blatchly, Manley, J. A. Smith, Stearns, F. U. Johnston, Dering, Hibbard, R. Kissam, Delafield, J. H. Rodgers, J. M. Smith, Ives, McIlvaine, Peixotto, Gilman, A. Johnson, J. K. Rodgers, Coit, Baxter, Cornell, Karsten, A. Hamersley, Van Rensselaer.

Negative—Drs. Osborn, Wolfe.

The death of his Ex. Gov. Clinton having been announced, the following resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Medical Society of the County of New York in common with their fellow citizens, are deeply sensible of the loss which the American public, and more particularly the people of this State, have sustained in the death of Dewitt Clinton.

2. *Resolved*, That it is not less the duty than the interest of a free and intelligent people publicly to express their sense of the deserts of great and good men when occasions like the present afford an opportunity, inasmuch as the characters of such men are among the most valuable property which a commonwealth can possess, and the right improvement of their example its most permanent riches.

3. *Resolved*, That the life and character of our late excellent Chief Magistrate are so intimately connected with all the plans which have been designed and adopted for the improvement of this State for the last thirty years, that the gratitude of generations yet unborn will speak the memorial of his worth.

4. *Resolved*, That our profession are deeply sensible of the weight of his council and influence in organizing the various medical societies throughout this State, and that they will ever cherish a grateful recollection of his services.

5. *Resolved*, That a comm. of five persons be appointed to confer with a similiar comm. to be appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in order to the adoption of ulterior

measures by which the profession may testify their respect for the memory of the deceased.

6. *Resolved*, That the members of this Society wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

7. *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary, and that they be printed in the public papers, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Drs. Manley, Onderdonk, Stearns, J. Aug. Smith and Van Rensselaer were appointed a comm. for the purposes expressed in the fifth resolution.

Dr. Wm. F. Hunter, 27 Hudson, was proposed as an ordinary member.

Abjourned.

A. HAMERSLEY, *Sect. P. Tem.*

Remonstrance prepared by the comm. of which Dr. Blatchly was chairman, in relation to the petition of sundry persons for a repeal of the medical law:

To the Hon. the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened, the Medical Society of the City and County of New York respectfully represents:

That they have received information that a memorial is now before your hon. body for the repeal of the general regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery in this State, passed at the last adjourned session of the Legislature, they therefore respectfully remonstrate against the repeal of that law for the following reasons:

1st. The law has been so recently passed that sufficient time has not been afforded to carry it into effect in a single instance whereby its operation upon the profession might be more distinctly ascertained, and its defects remedied by such salutary and useful amendments as may be suggested by actual experience.

2nd. The regulations are highly important, restraining *ignorant and rash practitioners* in the injudicious use of their powerful medicines which are too apt to sacrifice the health and lives of their patients. The records of our courts of justice and the publick papers exhibit satisfactory and repeated evidence of the fatal effects of such practice, but although after arrainged and

tried these empirics are always enabled to elude the penalties of the law and merited justice by shielding their practice under the 2nd Proviso of the 20th Section of the former law. Taking advantage of the liberty granted in this section to all unaliened practitioners so to administer to the sick the roots and barks of our own country, quacks have been in the constant practice of giving mercury, opium, arsenic, and every other powerful article of the Materia Medica without the possibility of being detected. Having never incurred the expense of a medical education, and destitute of every scientific qualification, and accustomed only to acquire subsistence from manual labor, to devise a profit which they never would realize from their former mere laborious occupation, it was therefore reasonably to be expected, when deprived by the present law of their source of profit, an unaliened practitionery should unite in a petition to the Legislature for its repeal, and that this list should be swelled with the addition of their members of the profession, when ——— and habits were such as to endanger the suspension of their license it was not however to have been expected that *physicians* (even though doubtful as to the propriety of certain sections of the law) would have been so far unmindful of their own reputations and the credit of the medical profession as to have become joint petitioners for the repeal of a law so well calculated to elevate the character and augment the usefulness of the healing art, to discourage ignorance and immorality among its professors, and to afford protection to the public against the baleful influence and effects of quackery. While we confess some respectable names are to be found in these petitions, nay, some that have attained celebrity in our State and Country, we are proud that they are few, and we beg leave to intimate to your honorable body the fact that the interest of some of these petitioners is directly borne upon by that part of the law which particularly applies to our University, a circumstance which has probably induced them to make common cause against the law by all who feel aggrieved by its permissions.

Be this as it may, the Medical Society of this City and County take this mode of expressing to your honorable body their approbation of the law as it stands, and to pray your honorable body that you may not be moved by the clamor and petitions of interested men to repeal or alter any part of a law in our opinion well adapted to support and cherish medical science, to put down ignorance and pretension, and protect the health, lives and property of our fellow citizens.

CORN. C. BLATCHLY,
JOHN STEARNS,
F. U. JOHNSTON,
} *Committee of County Medical Society.*

March 10th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. F. U. Johnston, Peixotto, J. A. Smith, A. Hamersley, Baxter, Wright, Rhinelander, Gilman, Beck, Blatchly, Hoffman, J. K. Rodgers, Hanson, R. Kissam, D. L. Rogers, Dering, Mead, D. Kissam, Hibbard, and Van Rensselaer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs. Alex. H. Smith, Edwin Lacy, and David M. Halliday, were severally examined before the Society.

Resolved, That Mr. Lacy be subjected to another examination before the Society at their next meeting.

A reconsideration of the above motion having been moved, it was thereupon

Resolved, That Mr. Lacy be admitted to practice physic and surgery in this State.

Resolved, That Messrs. A. H. Smith and D. M. Halliday be admitted as scientists of physic and surgery.

Dr. Lewis French and Dr. Hudson were nominated as resident members.

Drs. John S. Bowron, Hiram Upson and Ab'm Van Gelder were, upon ballot, elected resident members.

Adj'd.

J. VAN RENSSELAER, *Sect'y pro. tem.*

April 14th.

Present—The President, Drs. Cheeseman, Hanson, J. K. Rodgers, Dering, Buchan, Rhinelander, McIlvaine, Sterling, and B. R. Kissam.

A quorum not being present, the Society adjourned.

May 12th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. J. K. Rodgers, Van Rensselaer, A. Hamersley, Stearns, B. R. Kissam, Peixotto, Van Gelder, Wolfe, Blatchly, Rhinelander, Ives, Cheesman, F. U. Johnston, Cock, J. M. Smith, Hanson and Graves.

Minutes of the 10th of March were read and approved.

A "Proclamation," issued by Dr. J. J. Mitchill (President of the Convention for revising the National Pharmacopæia), giving notice that the Med. Soc. is requested to elect delegates to represent them in that Convention to be held in Jan., 1830. It was ordered to be laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Counsellor of the Society the sum of fifty dollars as a retaining fee in accordance with a resolution passed at a former meeting of the Society.

Resolved, That the comm. on By-Laws be instructed to take advice of the Counsellor of the Society as to how far the present By-Laws of the Society are incompatible with the revised law passed at a late session of the Legislature of the State.

Drs. T. F. King, Wm. I. Scott, and Wm. McCaffray, were proposed as resident members.

Adjourned.

J. J. GRAVES, *Sec't'y.*

June 9th.

Present—The President, Drs. F. U. Johnston, J. A. Smith, Baxter, Jas. Rogers, Ludlow, Cheesman, C. Wright, Van Doren, Beck, J. M. Smith, Hibbard, Rhinelander, Coit, Duvall, Barker, Williams, Dering, J. K. Rodgers, Hanson, Stearns, McIlvaine, Peixotto, Van Gelder, D. L. Rogers, Graves, A. Hamersley, B. R. Kissam.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Com. Minora having recommended Mr. Ch. I. Davis for a public examination, he was accordingly examined, and by resolution was admitted as a licentiate in the practice of physic and surgery.

Dr. Stearns, from the comm. on By-Laws, reported certain questions proposed by the Counsellor of the Society, and his answers thereto.

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the comm. for the purpose of obtaining a more definite answer to the first question.

Resolved, That Drs. Dering, Coit and A. Hamersley be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Resolved, That the President forthwith be instructed to proceed in the execution of the late Act of the Legislature.

Resolved, That the President nominate a comm. of 28 (two from each ward) to collect and present to the Society the names of such persons who are practising medicine, and who are not members of the Society.

The following gentlemen were nominated: 1st Ward.—Drs. Delafield and Pendleton. 2nd Ward.—Drs. Stearns and Cock. 3rd Ward.—Drs. J. Kearney Rodgers and Beck. 4th Ward.—Drs. Phelps and Z. Seaman. 5th Ward.—Drs. Cheesman and Peixotto. 6th Ward.—Drs. Johnston and Barker. 7th Ward.—Drs. Rockwell and Upson. 8th Ward.—Dr. Dering. 9th Ward.—Drs. Baxter and Gilman. 10th Ward.—Drs. Van Gelder and Brooks. 11th Ward.— ———. 12th Ward.—Drs. Albert Smith and ———. 13th Ward.—Drs. Willett and ———. 14th Ward.—Drs. Hasbrouck and Baylies.

Drs. W. I. Scott, W. McCaffray and John R. Anderson were by ballot admitted as members.

Adjourned.

JNO. J. GRAVES.

June 25th, 1828. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Forrester, J. M. Smith, Beck, Peixotto, Cock, Delafield, J. K. Rodgers, Scott, Van Rensselaer, C. Wright, F. Boyd, Ives, Graves, Stevens, Ludlow, Brown.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the President, it was thereupon

Resolved, That this Society holding in high esteem the professional talents, sound judgment, and strict integrity of their late distinguished member, Wright Post, M.D., and desirous of manifesting to the public the sense of the loss which they in common with their fellow citizens have sustained, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a member of the Society be appointed to deliver an eulogium on the deceased.

Resolved, That this Society feel the deepest sympathy with the family of the deceased, in the event which has deprived them of the best of husbands and fathers, and the profession of one of its most distinguished and useful members.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the daily papers.

Upon balloting for an orator for the occasion, it was found that Prof. J. Aug. Smith had a majority of the votes, and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish Dr. J. A. Smith with a notice of the appointment.

Resolved, That Drs. Delafield, Stevens, J. K. Rodgers and Cock be a committee to communicate a copy of the preceding resolutions to the family of the deceased, and to make such arrangements as may be deemed proper.

Adjourned.

P. FORRESTER, *Sec'y pro. tem.*

July 14th, 1828. (Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—The President, Messrs. Gilman, Conger, Ph. Van Arsdale, J. K. Rodgers, Manly, J. D. Jaques, Hitchcock, Rockwell, Baxter, Cock, Hibbard, Sterling, Willett, Stearns, Munroy, Downs, A. Wright, F. U. Johnston, Upson, Cock, Beck, Ludlow, Scott, J. A. Anderson, A. V. Williams, J. M. Smith, Pierson, Kinsley, F. Cooper, Mead, Bolles, Howe, Graves, Peixotto, Kuypers, Baylies, Belden, D. Rogers, Bowron, Hanson, Dering, Van Gelder, Brooks, Van Doren, Davis, Bowron, B. Bayley, Cheesman, A. L. Anderson, Peter Van Arsdale, Hasbrouck, Van Rensselaer and Simpson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It being required at this meeting to appoint the officers of the Society for the ensuing year, an election for that purpose was accordingly held. Drs. Rockwell, Baxter, Gilman and Sweeney were appointed tellers who, upon counting the ballots, reported the following gentlemen as duly elected by a majority of the votes given:

Dr. THOMAS COCK, *President.*
Dr. SAM'L W. MOORE, *Vice-Pres'dt.*
Dr. AB'M VAN GELDER, *Treasurer.*
Dr. JOHN J. GRAVES, *Rec'g Sec'y.*
Dr. JER. VAN RENSSELAER, *Corresp'g Sec't'y.*
Dr. D. L. M. PEIXOTTO,
Dr. ED. G. LUDLOW,
Dr. RICH'D K. HOFFMAN, } *Censors.*
Dr. AB'M V. WILLIAMS,
Dr. C. R. GILMAN,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to their late President, Dr. John Onderdonk, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the Society for three successive terms of office, and that the Secretary be instructed to present to Dr. Onderdonk a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. James Manly for his able and interesting discourse on the life and public character of the late Gov. De Witt Clinton, and that the comm. appointed by the Society on the 18th Feb. (to confer with a comm. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, for the adoption of suitable testimonials of respect to the memory of the late Governor), solicit a copy of the same for publication.

Drs. G. Birch, G. Hestan, G. Bancker, and Ad. J. F. Rause, were proposed as ordinary members.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourn it be to Monday the 28th inst., at the usual time.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sect'y.*

July 28th, 1828. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, Stearns, Jaques, J. A. Smith, Cheesman, Dering, J. K. Rodgers, Simpson, Downs, Baxter, Sterling, Graves, Hanson, J. M. Smith, Peixotto, Van Gelder, A. Wright, Ludlow, Van Rensselaer, Gilman, McVickar, Williams, Phelps, Beck, Brown, Jas. Rogers, Dayton, Doucet, Sweeny.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Resolved. That the Sect. be instructed to enquire into the eligibility to office of those persons elected at the last Anniversary Meeting of the Society agreeable to Chap. XII., Art. IV., of the amended By-Laws, and present such information to the Society at their next meeting.

Resolved, That all notices for meetings of the Society be hereafter given through the medium of the Post Office.

The Secretary informed the Society that he had received communications from Mr. Warms, requesting that they be laid before the Society for their consideration. The papers were referred to Drs. Beck, Gilman, and Ludlow, for report.

Drs. Isaac Brinckerhoff, Ab'm J. Barry, and —— Taite, were proposed as ordinary members.

The Society then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 4th August.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sect'y.*

Aug. 4th, 1828. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, J. A. Smith, F. U. Johnston, Baxter, Van Rensselaer, Ives, Belden, Kuypers, Doucet, Sterling, Beck, J. K. Rodgers, Gilman, Peixotto, Graves, Upton, Loring, Dering, Sweeny, Brown, Ludlow, Stearns, and J. M. Smith.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

The comm. appointed for that purpose, reported a code of By-Laws for the regulation of the Society. After a due consideration of the same they were adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to enquire into the comparative expenses of giving notices of the meetings of the Society through the medium of the Post Office and the manner at present adopted of publishing such notices in the newspapers, and that he report the same at the next meeting of the Society.

Resolved, That the resolution in reference to notices passed at the last meeting be herewith rescinded.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform those gentlemen who are rendered ineligible by the IV Article, Chapter XII of the By-Laws, of such fact, and state to them the required excuse in such cases.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to superintend the printing of the By-Laws, and that to such publication be appended such statutes of the State regulating the practice of physic and surgery as may at present be in force, and the names of the officers and members of the Society, and that 1,000 copies of the same be printed.

Drs. Stearns, J. K. Rodgers and Gilman were appointed such committee.

Dr. Baxter, from the Meteorological Committee, made the annual report, for which the thanks of the Society were returned, and it was ordered to be printed in the "N. Y. Med. & Phy's Journal," under the direction of the committee.

Resolved, That the comm. of revision of the By-Laws be requested to prepare the form of a certificate with which the members of the Society may be provided agreeably to the 1st Section of the late revised act of the Legislature.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to employ a suitable person to distribute the notifications which it is required those persons who are not members should personally be served with.

Resolved, That the Sec'y be empowered to procure a suitable deposit for the books and documents of the Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what measures ought to be adopted to regulate the practice of apothecaries in this city.

Drs. Stearns, Peixotto, Beck, Baxter, J. M. Smith, and F. U. Johnston, were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what measures should be adopted for the establishment of a Vaccine institution in this city.

Drs. Baxter, Doucet, Belden and Loring were appointed such committee.

The Society then went into an election, and the following gentlemen were returned by the tellers as being duly elected Lecturers for the ensuing year:

Dr. BAXTER, Sept.
Dr. BROWN, Oct.
Dr. BELDEN, Nov.
Dr. DOUCET, Dec.
Dr. GILMAN, Jan., 1829.
Dr. GRAVES, Feb., 1829.
Dr. HAMERSLY, March, 1829.
Dr. J. K. RODGERS, April, 1829.
Dr. J. M. SMITH, May.
Dr. STEARNS, June.
Dr. UPSON, July.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns it be to meet again on Saturday, the 9th inst.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y*.

August 9th, 1828. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, Doucet, Baxter,

Gilman, J. K. Rodgers, Sweeny, F. U. Johnston, Manley, Williams, Sterling, Dering, Stearns, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Secretary informed the Society that in conformity to instructions he had informed those gentlemen who have been elected officers of the Soc., and whose eligibility to such office has been questioned, that they have made themselves liable to the penalty of Art. 10, Chap. XII. of the By-Laws, and that agreeable to said By-Law an excuse for absence was required of them. Drs. S. W. Moore and R. K. Hoffman severally addressed notes to the Society which, having been read, were accepted, and it was thought that their election be considered valid.

Resolved, That the election of Dr. D. W. Kissam as Curator be annulled, and that the Society proceed to the election of a Censor in his place.

Resolved, That a majority of all the votes given be required in said election.

The tellers appointed to count the ballots reported that Dr. Chandler R. Gilman was duly elected Censor.

Resolved, That every member of this Society be required to pay to the Secretary of this Society the sum of one dollar as the yearly assessment for the year 1828, by virtue of the 17th Sect. of the Act.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to collect the tax of one dollar which was levied by resolution on the members of the Society in the year 1822.

Resolved, That the comm. appointed to superintend the printing of the By-Laws be instructed to have the system of medical ethics adopted by the State Society printed and attached to the laws which are being published.

Dr. Stearns, from the above comm., reported a form for certificate of membership which was accepted, and a plate for the same was ordered to be engraved.

The Secretary reported on the comparative expense of notifying members by newspapers and through the Post Office, by which it appeared that the latter would be the most economical for the Society, whereupon it was

Resolved, That all notices for the meetings of the Society be

given through the Post Office, and that the Secretary be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding $75 to defray the expense of filling, directing and conveying to the Post Office such notices, and for engrossing upon the minutes such lengthy reports or papers as his time or private duties will not permit him to devote to that labor.

The President then appointed the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Drs. Ives, Dering, Willett, J. K. Rodgers, Gilman.

ON DISEASES.—Drs. Phelps, Sweeney, Ferris, Sterlng, Coit.

INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. Ludlow, Barker, Cockcroft, Belden, Underhill.

METEOROLOGICAL COMM.—Drs. S. W. Moore, Baxter, A. Hamersly, McVickar, Hibbard.

FINANCE.—Drs. Van Renssalaer, Van Gelder, Treasurer, Scott, Conger, A. Anderson.

The Ward Committee the same as appointed in June.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

August 12th, 1828.

A quorum of the Society not being present, no business was transacted.

B. R. KISSAM, *Sect. pro. tem.*

Sept. 9th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. J. A. Smith, Dering, Van Gelder, Pexiotto, Cheesman, Onderdonk, Manley, Delafield, Barker, Simpson, A. Wright, Beck, McCaffray, Hoffman, Doucet, B. W. Kissam, C. Wright, Scott, Underhill, Gilman, J. Brinckerhoff, Hoit, Powers, Jas. Rogers, Sterling, Cornell, Francis, Willitt, Ludlow, Dayton, J. K. Rodgers, Coit, and Graves.

The Secretary stated that he was confined to the house by sickness at the last meeting, and that the Sect'y *pro. tem.* being at present out of town, he was unable to offer the minutes of that meeting for approval.

The minutes of July 14th and 28th, and of the 4th and 9th of August, were read and approved.

The Com. Min. reported the following gentlemen as members of the Society. It was ordered that they receive certificates of membership: John M. Glover, M.D., Coll. Phys's and Surg's, University State of N. Y. James S. Rumsey, M.D., Coll. Phys's and Surg's, University State of N. Y. Gerard Bancker, M.D., Coll. Phys's and Surg's, University of State of N. Y. Wm. M. Ireland, M.D., Coll. Phys's and Surg's, University State of N. Y. John Graham, M.D., Jefferson College, Philadelphia. Gilbert Heston, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Tina H. Harris, Licentiate Washington Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Adolphus I. F. Rause, Licentiate Rennselaer Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Ab'm J. Berry, Licentiate State Med. Soc. Dr. Xavier Tessiére, Licentiate State Med. Soc. Dr. John Anderton, Licentiate West Chester Co. Med. Soc. Dr. David Marvin, Licentiate County Med. Soc. Moore Hoit, M.D., Middleburg College, Vermont.

Dr. Jacob Gifford, a graduate of the Med. Faculty of Geneva College, having presented his diploma, it was

Resolved, By the Com. Minora that the same cannot be considered a license for the practice of physic and surgery, inasmuch as it is not conformable to the requisitions of the 21st Sect. of the Act of the Legislature, passed at its extra session of revision, 1827, and that therefore his testimonials be returned to him as unsatisfactory.

Dr. Stearns, from the comm. on By-Laws, made a final report, which, after some discussion, was referred back to the comm. for reconsideration and amendment.

Drs. Galen Carter, S. Blois, and I. F. Randolph, were proposed as members.

Dr. Doucet read the first part of a lecture on the "Progress of Medicine in France in the present Century." The conclusion was promised at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary*.

Oct. 13th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. Hoffman, A. Hamersly, Beck,

J. M. Smith, Van Rensselaer, Underhill, Onderdonk, Brown, Stearns, Gilman, Rhinelander, Simpson, Stillwell, Barker, Coit, Hoit, Hibbard, Sterling, Marvin, Ludlow, Payne, J. Aug. Smith, Saynisch, Ives, J. Kearney Rodgers, Carter, A. Wright, F. U. Johnston, Cheesman, Dering, Van Gelder, Baxter, Upson, Blatchly, Moore, Bolles, Dayton, Rouse, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Com. Minora reported the following gentleman as entitled to the membership of the Society: George Griswold, Jr., M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. Lewis Hallock, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. John J. Ruton, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. James O. Smith, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. Galen Carter, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. Benj. C. Leveridge, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State N. Y. Isaac Brinckerhoff, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. Ralph Glover, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. George Birch, M.D., Yale College. Dr. Benj'n B. Edwards, Licentiate Suffolk Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Samuel Blois, Licentiate Dutchess Co. Med. Soc. Dr. J. H. Slocum, Licentiate State Med. Soc.

Resolved, That the report of the Com. Minora be accepted, and that the above gentlemen receive certificates of membership with the exception of Dr. Birch, whose credentials be referred back to the Com. Minora to farther examine how far they are in conformity with the 9th Section of the Act.

Dr. Stearns, from the com. on By-Laws, made a final report, which was laid on the table.

The Com. Minora having referred the subject of diplomas from foreign colleges of surgeons to the Society for their decision, it was

Resolved, That the question of the power to practice ***medicine*** in this State by virtue of a diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons of London be referred to a special comm. consisting of Drs. Brown, Stearns, and Hibbard, to take advice of the Counsellor of the Society, and report the same to the Society at their next meeting.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Nov. 10th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. F. U. Johnston, J. Aug. Smith, Scott, Hibbard, Cox, Van Doren, De Gray, Swift, Ruton, McIlvaine, Baylies, Underhill, McCaffray, J. O. Smith, Doucet, Onderdonk, Van Gelder, Marvin, Peixotto, Stearns, Anderton, Edwards, Ireland, A. Wright, Cheesman, Upson, Brown, Coit, W. T. Hunter, Hoit, Jas. Rogers, Belden, Stevens, J. K. Rodgers, Sweeny, Rockwell, Dering, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, and approved.

The Com. Minora recommended the following gentlemen as entitled to certificates of membership: Sam'l Throckmorton, M.D., Coll. of Phys. and Surg., Un. State of N. York. Dr. Samuel Birch, Westchester Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Geo. W. Boyd, N. York Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Jos. S. Perry, Ulster Co. Med. Soc.

The Com. Minora also reported favorably as respects Dr. George Birch's credentials, which was accepted.

The comm. to whom was referred the subject of foreign diplomas from college of surgeons, reported that it is the opinion of the Counsellor that such diplomas can *only* entitle the persons holding them to practice surgery, and that they become liable to the penalties of the law if they, with no other credentials, attempt to practice medicine.

Dr. Doucet concluded his essay on the Improvement of Medicine, &c. Thanks were voted, and he was requested to publish the same in the N. Y. Med. and Phys. Journal.

Adj'd.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

Dec. 9th, 1828.

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, W. T. Hunter, Brown, Cameron, McCaffray, Hoffman, A. Wright, Stearns, Bolles, Ludlow, F. U. Johnston, Edwards, Van Doren, Peixotto, Sweeny, Baxter, Saynisch, Van Rensselaer, Harris, Arnold, Gilman, Downs, Upson, Dering, Marvin, Anderson, Beck, Tomlinson, Van Gelder, Mead, Doucet, Belden, B. R. Kissam, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Com. Minora recommended the following persons for membership: —— Markey, M.D., University Edin. H. G. Dunnell, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Un. State of New York. James Evans, of the Un. Glasgow.

Dr. S. Brown read a paper on Cow Pox.

The President announced the receipt of "Anatomie Comparée du systéme Dentale," from the author, Em. Rousseau, of Paris. Thanks were voted for the same.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary.*

January 12th, 1829.

Present—The President, Drs. J. A. Smith, F. U. Johnston, Dering, Onderdonk, Griswold, Jas. Rogers, A. Hamersley, Gram, Baxter, Doucet, McIlvaine, Underhill, Hibbard, Birch, Peixotto, Van Doren, J. Anderson, Cornell, Gilman, Hoit, Ireland, Z. Harris, Upson, Condit, B. R. Kissam, Downs, Coit, Cheesman, Beck, I. Brinckerhoff, Stearns, Brown, Pennell, Tomlinson, Edwards, Dayton, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Baxter, from the comm. appointed to examine the subject of the establishment of a Vaccine institution in this city, and under the direction of this Society, made a detailed report, which was read and accepted.

Dr. Baxter read a paper on Eclecticism, and the System of Broussais, which was referred to the Com. Min. It was

Resolved, That the certificate of membership be printed on paper, and that the privilege of having parchment impressions be given to any person at his expense, and under the direction of the Secretary.

Dr. Stearns, Brown, and Graves, were appointed a committee to prepare instructions for the Delegate to the State Med. Soc., to be reported at the next meeting of the Society.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourn it be to meet on the 26th inst.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sect.*

January 26th, 1829. (Special Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Onderdonk in the chair: Drs.. J. A. Smith, Simpson, Gilman, A. Hamersley, Loring, Cheesman, Baylies, Arnold, Harris, Pennell, Beck, Baxter, Stearns, Van Rensselaer, Brown, Cameron, Marvin, Edwards, and Graves.

The object of the meeting being to hear the report of the comm. appointed to prepare instructions for the Delegates, the same was read and adopted.

(The report will be found among the documents of the Society; the preamble is omitted here; the following, however, are the resolutions, which indeed are the "*Instructions.*")

Resolved, That the Delegate be requested to endeavor to obtain the co-operation of the State Medical Society in an attempt to establish a State Vaccine institution, to be located in the City of New York.

Resolved, As the sense of this Society, that the improvement of medical science in this State and Country is retarded by the pecuniary entanglements of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in this city, and as the prosperity of this College is so much dependant on the fostering care our Legislature under the guardianship of the Regents of the University, that the State Society be requested to use their efforts and influence for such a grant from the Legislature as the present wants of the College seem to require.

Resolved, That as the recent modified laws regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State have not been in operation a sufficient length of time to enable us to judge of their true value, that we deem it inexpedient to make any effort for a further alteration at the present time.

Resolved, That the State Society be respectfully solicited to oppose its influence to the success in our Legislature of the application of Thompson for the passage of a law providing for the licensing of Steam Doctors, the danger of which practice has been manifested in many instances; hence our opposition to the enactment of such a law is required not only from principles of humanity, but the honor and dignity of the profession strenuously call for it.

Resolved, That at this time when the feelings and efforts of so many highly respectable citizens in different parts of the country are aroused against the growing evils of intemperance, it becomes the profession of medicine whose members are so much better able to judge of the numerous instances of impaired health

and premature dissolution from the free use of ardent spirits, to proffer their efforts in discouraging so alarming and destructive an evil, therefore that our Delegate be requested to solicit resolutions in the State Society expressive of the danger to health and life of the imprudent use of ardent spirits.

Resolved, That from the increasing number of retail venders of medicines in the cities and most populous towns in this State, the numerous and even fatal evils that have arisen from the ignorance of very many of them, and the necessity that demands some regulations in this adjunct department of the profession, that the Delegate of this Society be instructed to use his influence with the State Society for the procural of their active exertion in any measure which in their wisdom may be thought proper to remedy the evils arising from the present unlicensed preparers and dispensers of medicines.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble with the resolutions be adopted as the instructions to the Delegate to the State Medical Society.

(Signed) STEPHEN BROWN, JOHN STEARNS, JOHN JAS. GRAVES, } *Comm.*

Resolved, That in the case of refusal or inability of the Delegate to attend the meeting of the State Society, that the President be requested to procure the presentation of the foregoing instructions to that body.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary.*

February 8th, 1829.

Present—(V.-P.) Dr. S. W. Moore in the chair; Drs. Jas. A. Smith, F. U. Johnston, Pennell, J. B. Beck, Stillwell, Onderdonk, Brown, Barker, Peixotto, Kuypers, McIntosh, Marvin, Baxter, Van Rensselaer, J. K. Rodgers, Belden, McCaffray, Davis, A. Hamersley, Gilman, Doucet, Stearns, Hoit, Van Gelder, and Graves.

The minutes of the 12th and 26th January were read and approved.

Communications were read from the President, and also from the Delegate on the subject of the instructions given to the

latter as the representative of this Society in the "State Medical Society."

Dr. Belden read a lecture "On the use of continued vesication during gestation in cases of repeated Abortion," which was referred to the Com. Minora.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the comm. from the State Society on the subject of Vaccination.

Drs. Brown, Baxter, and F. U. Johnston, were appointed such comm.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

March 9th, 1829.

Present—The President, Drs. Baylies, Van Gelder, A. Wright, A. Hamersley, Beck, Marvin, Mead, Hardenbrook, Baxter, J. M. Smith, Ireland, Onderdonk, Hoffman, Gilman, Peixotto, Ludlow, F. U. Johnston, Stillwell, Doucet, Stearns, Z. Harris, Downs, Carter, Jas. Rogers, I. Brinckerhoff, J. K. Rodgers, Hibbard, Hoit, McCaffray, Sterling, Edwards, Pennell, Cheesman, Kuypers, Belden, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Censors recommended Messrs. Leander Slauson and Samuel B. Bishop for a public examination, which having been made, it was

Resolved, That they receive the Society's diploma as licentiates of physic and surgery.

The following gentlemen were recommended by the Com. Minora as entitled to certificates of membership: Eben Storer, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. W. W. Verplanck, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. Israel F. Randolph, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. Amos S. Miller, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. James Anderson, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. Mark Stephenson, M.D., of the Coll. of Ph. and Surg. of the Un. of State of N. Y. Laurin G. Whiting, M.D., of Middlebury College, (Vert.) Austin Sherman, M.D., of Williams

College, (Mass.) Dr. Eb. I. Gregory, Licentiate of Westchester Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Peter F. Clark, Licentiate of N. York Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Luke Davies, Licentiate of Sullivan Co. Med. Soc. Dr. George Downer, Licentiate of Connt. Soc. Dr. Benton W. Halsey, Licentiate of Richmond Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Thomas W. Close, Licentiate of N. Jersey State Soc. Dr. David Green, Licentiate of N. Jersey State Soc. Dr. Thomas Pitts, Licentiate of Morris Co. (N. J.) Med. Soc.

Dr. Stearns, from the comm. on apothecaries, reported in part, and the comm. was instructed to continue its duties.

Dr. Gilman read a lecture "On Hemorrhoids."

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

April, 13th, 1829. (Regular.)

Present—The President, Drs. J. M. Smith, Gilman, J. K. Rodgers, Peixotto, Ph. Van Arsdale, Jas. Rogers, Jacques, Stillwell, Downs, A. L. Anderson, Kuypers, Cockcroft, Barker, Blatchly, Hoit, Sherman, Cheesman, Loring, Baylies, B. K. Kissam, Dayton, Baxter, Rockwell, Clarke, Edwards, Dering, Doucet, Tessierè, Z. Harris, Davis, Hoffman, Brown, J. A. Smith, Manley, F. U. Johnston, Upson, Brooks, Belden, Dunham, A. Wright, Van Gelder, Coit, Conger, Peter Van Arsdale, and Graves.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Censors recommended Messrs. George P. Gildersleve, John Conning, and Thos. S. Barrett, for a public examination, which being made, it was

Resolved, That they receive the Society's diploma as licentiates of physic and surgery.

The Com. Minora having examined the credentials of the following persons, it was recommended that the Society's certificate of membership be given them: Ph. Ed. Milldollar, M.D., of Coll. Phys. and Surg. of Un. State of N. Y. Amos Pollard, M.D., of Middleburg College, (Vermont). Dr. Willard Thayer, Licentiate of N. York Co. Med. Soc. Dr. Proctor Cadwallader, Licentiate of N. York Co. Med. Soc. Dr. John S. W. Parkin, Licentiate of

New York State Medical Society. Dr. Peter Van Zandt, Licentiate of New York State Medical Society.

The history of "two cases of Ascaris Lumbricoides attended with abcesses, followed by large purulent discharges and worms therein," by C. C. Blatchly, was read, and referred to the Com. Minora.

"Remarks on the increase of Still-born Children and Abortions," by Dr. John J. Graves, was read, and had the same reference.

It was moved that the minutes of the Special Meetings of the Com. Minora of 11th and 14th March, held for the investigation of the case of Dr. D. Dayton *vs.* Drs. J. R. Manley and N. I. Quackenboss, be read. The motion was considered as being out of order by the President; the Society supported an appeal made from this decision, when the President left the chair. The oldest Censor (as to priority of election), Dr. Peixotto, then took the chair, when, after an extended discussion, motion for adjournment was made, when it was

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to meet on the 20th inst.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary*.

April 20th, 1829. (Special.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto in the chair; Drs. Stearns, Stillwell, McIntosh, Randolph, J. A. Smith, Cornell, Edwards, J. Anderson, B. K. Kissam, Dayton, Swift, Bolles, Pitts, Ackerly, Scott, Griswold, Kuypers, Baylies, Van Doren, I. Brinckerhoff, Doucet, Halsey, Loring, Peter Van Arsdale, Gilman, Hoit, Ludlow, Cadwallader, Jas. Rogers, Davis, Davies, Brown, Conger, F. U. Johnston, Baxter, Z. Harris, A. Hamersley, Upson, Whiting, Hoffman, Rockwell, Cockcroft, Clarke, J. K. Rodgers, Dering, Cock, D. Rodgers, A. L. Anderson, Marvin, Mead, J. O. Smith, Ruton, J. M. Smith, Belden, Hibbard, Brooks, Simpson, Heston, Willett, and Graves.

The President being absent, the Society was called to order, and Dr. Peixotto, as eldest Censor, took the chair.

The minutes of the Special Meetings of the Com. Minora of the 11th and 14th March, and April 18th, were read, together

with the evidence in the case of Drs. Manley and Quackenboss, as also the minutes of the regular meeting of the Society of the 13th inst. Whereupon it was

"*Resolved*, That the evidence this day submitted to the Society of the Com. Minora be referred back with instructions to draw up a detailed statement of what appears to be the true facts of the case."

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary.*

May 11th, 1829. (Regular.)

Present—The President in the chair; Drs. Moore, Hoffman, Gilman, Peixotto, Hibbard, Clive, Onderdonk, Stillwell, Edwards, R. Glover, Brooks, Cheesman, Ives, Leveridge, Belden, Bowron, And'w Anderson, Brown, Peter Van Arsdale, Stearns, D. Rogers, D. L. Rogers, Jas. Rogers, J. Kearney Rodgers, Ludlow, Tessiér, Doucet, Coit, Cutter, Wilson, Ingersoll, Hoit, Pond, Dayton, Cameron, Brush, Milldollar, Baxter, J. Anderson, McIntosh, Cornell, Cadwallader, Simpson, Loring, A. L. Anderson, McCaffray, J. M. Smith, J. A. Smith, Beck, Tomlinson, I. Brinckerhoff, Rockwell, Halsey, Manley, Swift, Van Rensselaer, Conger, Hasbrouck, Heston, Upson, Blois, Clark, Randolph, and Graves.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 13th, and those of the Special Meeting of the 20th April, were read and approved.

Mr. John R. McComb, recommended by the Censors for a public examination, duly passed such examination, when it was

Resolved, That he receive the Society's diploma as a licentiate of the practice of physic and surgery.

The Com. Minora having examined the credentials of the following persons, they were reported as legal qualifications for the practice of physic and surgery, and it was recommended that their possessors receive the certificates of membership of the Society, which were accordingly granted: Oliver Bronson, M.D., of the Coll. of Phys. and Sur'gs of the Un. of State of N. Y. Charles Briggs, M.D., of the Coll. of Phys. and Sur'gs of the Un. of State of N. Y. Albert G. W. Smith, M.D., of Middleburg Coll·

(Vermont). Dr. John A. Hendry, Licentiate of the N. Jersey Med. Soc. Dr. James O. Pond, Licentiate of the Connt. Med. Soc.

Dr. —— Bedford presented a diploma from the Rutgers Med. Faculty of Geneva College. It was rejected as not being a legal evidence of due course of studies as fixed by statute.

Dr. Allison, Prof. of the Theory and Practice of Medicine of the University of Edinburg, was proposed as an honorary member.

Drs. Benj'n Ogden and Geo. McIntosh McLean were proposed as ordinary members.

The Society then proceeded to the consideration of the case of Dr. Dayton *vs.* Drs. Jas. R. Manley and Nich's I. Quackenboss.

Previous to reading the report of the Com. Minora on the subject, a protest against the whole proceedings was received from Dr. Manley, which was read in order.

The Com. Minora, in accordance with instructions, presented a collated report of the evidence in the above case, which was read and accepted.

After considerable discussion the following resolutions proposed by Dr. Peixotto were read and adopted:

Whereas, It has appeared from circumstances developed before the "Medical Society of the City and County of New York," that the medical reputation of Dr. Daniel Dayton, one of its members, has materially suffered from representations made by certain members of the profession in relation to his treatment of the case of the late Rev'd H. I. Feltus, and

Whereas, It also appears that these representations are unfounded; therefore

Resolved, That the conduct of Dr. Daniel Dayton in his treatment of the disease of the late Rev'd H. I. Feltus was correct and approved of by the united testimony of Drs. John Watts, Jr., Anth'y L. Anderson, Marinus Willett, and Prof. Jos. M. Smith, and also meets with the approbation of this Society.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be published in the daily papers.

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Society that Dr. James R. Manley did, in the case of the late Rev'd H. I. Feltus, indiscreetly and unnecessarily lend his aid and influence in giving to

Dr. Nich's I. Quackenboss countenance and support in violating the system of medical Ethics adopted by this Society, therefore

Resolved, That James R. Manley deserves the censure and disapprobation of this Society.

A letter was received from Dr. Wm. McCaffray containing charges of unprofessional conduct against Dr. Luke Barker.

The investigation of the subject was referred to the Comitia Minora.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Secretary.*

8th June, 1829.

Present—Dr. Moore (V. Pres'dt), in the chair; Drs. S. L. Mitchill, Onderdonk, Stearns, Hoffman, Gilman, Dayton, Cadwallader, Ireland, Brown, J. Kearney Rodgers, J. H. Rogers, Ludlow, Peixotto, Hibbard, Van Gelder, J. M. Smith, Green, Sterling, Randolph, Jno. A. Anderson, &c., &c.

The following gentlemen being recommended by the Com. Minora, were admitted members of the Society: Samuel Sterry Lawrence, M.D., of University State of New York. George P. Gildersleeve, Licentiate of Med. Soc. C. and C. of New York. John R. McComb, Licentiate of Med. Soc. C. and C. of New York. John Conning, Licentiate of Med. Soc. C. and C. of New York. Elisha W. Cleaveland, M.D., of Williams College, (Mass.)

Resolved, That the resolution passed August 9th, 1828, allowing the Secretary to draw for a sum not exceeding $75 to defray the expense of filling notices, &c., be rescinded.

Dr. Green presented to the Society a communication respecting a remarkable instance of precocity in a child, when it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the case presented by Dr. Green, and report thereon to this Society.

Drs. Green, S. L. Mitchill and Peixotto were appointed such committee.

Adjourned.

JOHN W. STERLING, *Sect. pro. tem.*

June 15th.

Present—Dr. Peixotto, Sen. Censor, in the chair; Drs. A. Hamersley, Cheesman, J. K. Rodgers, Onderdonk, J. H. Rogers, Gilman, Ludlow, Tessièr, &c.

The meeting was in order, stated, to have been called for the purpose of examining a candidate previously recommended by the Com. Minora. The gentleman, however, did not make his appearance, and the Society accordingly adjourned.

A. HAMERSLEY, *Sect. pro. tem.*

July 13th. (Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Cock, President, in the chair; Messrs. Green, Willett, Hibbard, Baxter, Watts, G. Smith, D. W. Kissam, Arnold, Anderton, Dering, McComb, Doucet, Thayer, T. W. Hunter, Cockcroft, Ives, McIlvaine, Dunnell, R. Johnson, Dayton, Davis, Halsey, J. M. Smith, Beck, Peixotto, Loring, Stearns, Tessiére, Griswold, Cluse, Lord, Jos. H. Rogers, Cheesman, Simpson, Van Rensselaer, Edwards, Ackerly, Monroy, Van Gelder, Kuypers, F. U. Johnston, Bowron, David Rogers, D. L. Rogers, Pitts, Barker, Onderdonk, J. K. Rodgers, Brooks, Briggs, Francis, Ph. Van Arsdale, Stephenson, Blatchly, Hoffman, J. A. Anderson, Rockwell, Randolph, Sterling, McLean, A. Hamersley, Baldwin, A. L. Anderson, Leveridge, Pond, Upson, Sherman, B. R. Kissam, Stillwell, and Graves.

The minutes of previous meeting of the Society, and in compliance with the By-Laws, the minutes of the several meetings of the Com. Minora for the past year, were read.

Messrs. John Leitch and Darius N. Goodrich, recommended by the Com. Minora, underwent a public examination, and it was

Resolved, That they receive the Society's diploma for the licentiate of physic and surgery.

An election was then held for officers of the Society for the ensuing year. Upon counting the ballots the following gentle-

men were in form returned by the tellers, having a majority of the votes given for the several offices:

SAMUEL W. MOORE, M.D., *President.*
DANIEL L. M. PIEXOTTO, M.D., *Vice-Pres'dt.*
FRANCIS O. DOUCET, M.D., *Corr'g Secretary.*
BENJAMIN B. COIT, M.D., *Recor'g Sect'y.*
Dr. WILLIAM ROCKWELL, *Treasurer.*

RICHARD K. HOFFMAN, M.D.,
EDWARD G. LUDLOW, M.D.,
JOHN JAS. GRAVES, M.D.,
CHANDLER R. GILMAN, M.D.,
Dr. WILLIAM HIBBARD,
} *Censors.*

1. Dr. BAXTER,
2. Dr. BELDEN,
3. Dr. BROWN,
4. Dr. DOUCET,
5. Dr. GILMAN,
6. Dr. GRAVES,
7. Dr. A. HAMERSLEY,
8. Dr. J. K. RODGERS,
9. Dr. D. L. ROGERS,
10. Dr. J. M. SMITH,
11. Dr. STEARNS,
} *Lecturers.*

Resolved, That the Secretary ascertain whether any of the officers elect are ineligible, and if so, that he request them to present a satisfactory excuse for absence at this or the next adjourned meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read, and took its proper reference.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourn it be to meet on Monday week, 20th inst.

Adjourned.

JOHN J. GRAVES, *Sec'y.*

July 20th, 1829. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair; Drs. Peixotto, J. A. Smith, Beck, Onderdonk, Graves, Stearns, Randolph, Tessier, Dayton, J. H. Rogers, Gilman, J. K. Rodgers, Rockwell, Hibbard, Clark, McComb, Halsey, Cadwallader, Dering, Coit, &c.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Stearns—

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed forthwith to perform the duty prescribed in the 2nd Article, Chap. VII., of the By-Laws.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto—

Resolved, That Article 1st, Chap. XVI. of the By-Laws, be so altered as to authorize the appointment of corresponding members, and that the words "*or corresponding*" be inserted after "*honorary*" in the second line.

On motion of Dr. Graves—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to inform those members who have been elected but have not complied with the 2nd and 3rd Articles of Chap. XIV. of the By-Laws, that unless their certificates be taken up their names will not be placed among the published and regular members of the Society, and that the Treasurer report the result at the regular meeting in September.

Resolved, That the committee of the Fifth Ward be requested to report at the next meeting of the Society.

The Treasurer submitted a bill of Jos. Spencer against the Society for serving notices, stating that he had paid $50 on the account, which was by resolution referred to the Finance Committee.

The Permanent Committees were then appointed by the President.

LIBRARY COM.—Drs. John Stearns, A. Hamersley, Gilman, Willett, J. H. Rogers.

COM. ON DISEASE.—Drs. J. B. Beck, Ludlow, Dering, Hoffman, L. Belden.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Drs. Van Rensselaer, Rockwell, F. U. Johnston, Sterling, Dayton.

METEOROLOGICAL COMM.—Drs. John Baxter, J. K. Rodgers, Van Gelder, McVickar, Graves.

COMM. OF INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. J. Aug. Smith, B. Kissam, Duvall, Hibbard.

WARD COMMITTEES.—1st. Delafield and Bliss. 2nd. Stearns and Loring. 3rd. Beck and Arnold. 4th. Phelps and Z. W. Seaman. 5th. Ludlow and Van Doren. 6th. Johnston and Peixotto. 7th. Rockwell and Upson. 8th. Dering and Gilman.

9th. Baxter. 10th. Van Gelder and Brooks. 11th. ——— 12th. A. Smith. 13th. Berry. 14th. Hasbrouck and Baylies.

Charles N. Perrault, M.D., President of the Quebec Med. Society, René Kimbert, M.D., late Pres'dt of the Med. Association, Montreal, James Johnson, M.D., memb. of the Royal College of Physicians, London, were nominated for honorary membership, the two former by Dr. Tessiér, and the latter by Dr. Peixotto.

Adjourned.

BENJ. B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

Aug. 10th, 1829.

Present—Dr. Piexotto, Vice-President, in the chair; Drs. J. Aug. Smith, Stearns, Baxter, Z. Harris, Beck, Cadwallader, Graves, Doucet, J. M. Smith, J. R. Smith, Hoffman, F. U. Johnston, Randolph, Tessiér, Van Rensselaer, Belden, Dayton, Onderdonk, Baker, Sweeny, Halsey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Comitia Minora were admitted members of the Society: Stephen Waring, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., University of N. York. Charles S. Nichols, Licentiate Herkimer Co. Medical Society. Chas. C. Blauvelt, Licentiate Morris Co. Medical Society, New Jersey.

The society then proceeded to the election of honorary members, when James Johnson, M.D., of London, was unanimously elected. While the balloting was in progression for the second candidate (Dr. Perrault), a motion was made by Dr. Graves that the balloting be suspended, which motion was pronounced by the President to be out of order, whereupon an appeal was made to the Society, and the motion was sustained. After considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That the balloting for Dr. Perrault and members be deferred to the next meeting.

Dr. Doucet read a lecture on "Certain Autumnal Diseases of Canada," which took the usual reference.

Benjamin Travers, Esq., F.R.S., Surgeon to St. Thomas Hospital, was, by Dr. J. K. Rodgers, nominated for honorary mem-

bership. Dr. Grimaud, Paris, author of Treatise on Physiology, M. Baudeloque, Paris, Professor of Midwifery, and Dr. Hodgkin, Curate of Guy's Hospital, London, were nominated corresponding members.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

Sept. 14th, 1829.

Present—Dr. Hoffman, Censor, in the chair; Drs. Stearns, Baxter, Doucet, R. Graves, J. J. Graves, Clark, Cadwallader, Rockwell, J. H. Hunter, Randolph, Avery, Stephenson, F. U. Johnston, G. Smith, J. M. Smith, Pitts, G. M. McLean, Dering, Tessiér, A. Wright, Belden, Carter, &c.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen, on the recommendation of the Comitia Minora, were admitted as members: Sam'l Boyd, Jr., M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg's, University New York. Chas. Dickenson, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg's, University New York. Jas. T. Cromwell, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg's, University New York. Philip Albuzzi, M.D., University of Bavaria. Jas. F. D. Lobstein, M.D., School of Medicine, Paris. Geo. M. Hanners, M.D., Yale College. Jas. H. Bailey, Licentiate Putnam Co. Med. Society.

Benj'n Travers, Esq., F.R.S., London, was elected an honorary member.

Dr. Grimaud and Professor Baudeloque, of Paris, Dr. Hodgkins, of London, were elected corresponding members.

Dr. Belden read a lecture on the indiscriminate use of the term Typhus.

Dr. Tessiér read an interesting communication on the History of the Medical Profession in Canada, then asked leave to withdraw the names of MM. Perrault and Kimbért, whom he had proposed as honorary members.

On motion of Dr. Stearns—

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to enquire into the present state of the Treasury to ascertain the amount of unliquidated demands against the Society, and whether the

annual reports of the Treasurer have been regularly made and duly audited, and all monies in their hands paid over to their successors in office, and if the funds shall appear inadequate to meet the demands, that they devise ways and means to supply the deficiency, and report the same at the next meeting of the Society.

Resolved, That the cases of those members elect who have not complied with the Article VII, Chapter XIV of the By-Laws, be referred to the Finance Committee, and that the roll of the members be published by the Secretary under the direction of said committee.

Resolved, That Sections 1, 2 and 22, Chap. XIV, Title VII, of the Revised Statutes, be prefixed and published with the roll of members.

The Treasurer made the following report:

The Treasurer begs leave respectfully to report that agreeably to a resolution of the Society passed 20th July last, he has notified those members of the Society who had not paid their initiation fee, and that the following gentlemen have complied with the By-Laws by paying $1.00, and have received their certificates of membership, viz.: Drs. J. R. McComb, Jas. Chapman, Berry, McLean, John Graham, S. W. Avery, R. Graves, Upson, Throckmorton, Luke Davies, G. Carter, P. Van Zandt, and Amos Pollard.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM ROCKWELL, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, 14th Sept., 1829.

Professor Majendie, Member of the Institute of France, &c., &c., Dr. Civiale, Member of the Institute of France, &c., Wm. Lawrence, Esq., Surgeon St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Professor Theodoric Romeyn Beck, of the University of the State of N. Y., were nominated honorary members.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

Oct. 12th, 1829.

Present—The President in the chair; Drs. Onderdonk, Cock, Davis, J. M. Smith, J. A. Smith, Peixotto, Lobstein, Pitts, Avery, Dering, Stearns, G. M. McLean, Sterling, Graves, B. R.

Kissam, Hoffman, Doucet, Gilman, Sweeny, Randolph, Cadwallader, Rockwell, Van Rensselaer, &c.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Sandford R. Knapp, Licentiate of N. York State Med. Society, Marcus Hopkins, M.D., Williamstown College, Mass., having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were admitted as members.

The following gentlemen were elected honorary members: Prof. Majendie, Member of the Institute of France, &c., &c., Dr. Civiale, Member of the Institute of France, &c., &c., William Lawrence, Esq., Surgeon St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Prof. Theodoric Romeyn Beck, of the University of the State of New York.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. Van Rensselaer, made the following report, which was accepted:

The Finance Committee, in compliance with the regulations passed on the 14th Sept., report that they have examined the Treasurer's books, from which it appears, for several years past, the accounts have been properly audited by the committee appointed for that purpose, and that the monies have been regularly paid over to the successive treasurers; that the acc'ts appear to have been regularly and accurately kept. That there is a balance now in the treasury of one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-one cents ($157\frac{61}{100}$). That the demands against the Society they have no means of ascertaining, but the only ones they know of are in favor of Mr. Seymour (for printing), Mr. Chilton (for analysing quack med's.), Jos. Spencer (for serving notices), and a bill brought in by the Meteorological Comm. for keeping observations, the whole of the demands amounting to about the sum in the treasury, exclusive of the sum of $80 charged by the Meteorological Comm. for keeping observations, and which the committee would not feel bound to pay unless ordered by the Society, and on which they now ask instructions.

According to the treasury books it would seem that the revenue of the Society arising from initiation fees and the examination of candidates is about adequate to the yearly expenses. The Secretary will lay before the Society a list of its members, printed by the direction of the Committee of Finance, in compliance with the resolution of the Society. By this list it will appear that many respectable members of the profession do not belong to the Society for various reasons, some of them of a

private nature. The committee would suggest the propriety of addressing to such persons a "*Conciliatory Circular*," advising them, in a friendly way, to unite in promoting the harmony and respectability of the profession by joining the Society, and setting forth advantages to themselves of such an union.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JER. VAN RENSSELAER, M.D.,
Chr'n Fin. Comm.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12th, 1829.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the City Dispensary for the purpose of procuring a room in their new institution for the meetings of this Society.

Dr. Peixotto, Graves and Stearns were appointed such committee.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto, seconded by Dr. Stearns, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Much inconvenience arises from the present mode in which prescriptions are sent to apothecaries, and charges are often preferred against physicians for a want of scientific accuracy which, in the great majority of instances, are wholly unmerited, and to be traced to the errors of ignorant pretenders and quacks; therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Society in particular, and to the profession in general, in all cases to affix their names, or the initials of their names, to their medicinal prescriptions.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be published in the city papers.

Dr. Lobstein presents to the Society two copies of his "Researches on the use of Phosphorus in the treatment of various diseases." Ten copies of Magill's "Essay on Typhus Fever," were also received from the State Medical Society.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N C. COIT, *Sec'y*.

Nov. 9th, 1829.

Present—The President in the chair; Drs. Onderdonk, Beck, Peixotto, Gilman, J. A. Smith, Avery, Baxter, Cadwallader,

Bowron, Dering, Belcher, Berry, Hibbard, Sweeny, Ludlow, Cameron, McLean, J. Graham, Blatchly, Loring, A. Wright, J. W. Hunter, J. M. Smith, Tessiér, Albuzzi, J. K. Rodgers, F. U. Johnston, Barker, McComb.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

E. N. Bibby, Licentiate N. York State Med'l Society, J. P. B. Sloan, Licentiate N. Jersey Medical Society, having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were admitted as members.

The President having stated to the Society that legal measures had been taken by Dr. H. G. Dunnell and others for testing the right of this Society to exact an initiation fee, requested instructions, when,

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Counsellor be hereby authorized to institute such proceedings as he shall think necessary to defend the rights of this Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into certain acts of the Corresponding Secretary, and report on the same at the next meeting.

Drs. Beck, Baxter and Hibbard were appointed such committee.

Dr. Peixotto, from the committee "for procuring a room for the meetings of the Society," reported progress, and requested leave to sit again.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Smith—

Resolved, That hereafter the Secretary be exempted from the duty of sending notices to the members of the Stated Meetings of the Society.

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to meet on Monday next.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Secretary.*

Adjourned Meeting, Nov. 16th.

Present—Dr. Peixotto, Vice-Pres., in the chair; Drs. J. A. Smith, Beck, Hoffman, Baxter, Clark, Belden, Bowron, Tessiér, Cadwallader, G. M. McLean, Dayton, Stephenson, J. Anderson.

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

Dr. Beck, chairman of the special committee, made the following report:

"The committee appointed in relation to the office of Corresponding Secretary beg leave to report that they have given to the subject mature consideration, and have unanimously agreed to recommend for the adoption of the Society the following resolutions, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the office of Corresponding Secretary be and is hereby declared vacant.

"*Resolved*, That an election to supply said vacancy be held at the next regular meeting of the Society.

"(Signed) JOHN B. BECK, *Chair'n.*"

The report was accepted, and the Society proceeded to the consideration of the proposed resolutions, when, on motion of Dr. J. A. Smith, they were amended by prefixing the following preamble, and then passed, viz.:

"*Whereas*, It appears that Dr. Doucet, the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, has signed a paper strongly reflecting upon the same, and

"*Whereas*, It further appears that the said Dr. Doucet has left this city and country without giving any notice of such intended removal, therefore, &c."

Dr. J. A. Smith submitted the following resolution, the consideration of which, at the request of the mover, being referred to the next meeting, viz.:

Resolved, That whenever a report is made to this Society that the said report be laid upon the table, be amended, be adopted, or be rejected, and that no preliminary question as to the acceptance of any report shall ever be put.

Resolved, That the Secretary give public notice through the papers that an election for Corresponding Sect'y will be held at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

December 14th, 1829.

Present—Dr. Peixotto (Vice-President), in the chair: Drs.

Stearns, Hoffman, Baxter, Dayton, Bowron, Dering, Stephenson, Avery, McComb, A. Wright, J. A. Smith, F. U. Johnston, Onderdonk, J. J. Graves, Cadwallader, Beck, Rockwell, Belden, Randolph, J. K. Rodgers, Green, Ludlow, Barker, Upson, Graves, McLean, and Cornell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Baxter read a lecture on "Evidence in Medicine."

Dr. Stephenson communicated the history of "A Case of Mole."

The Society then proceeded to the election of a Corresponding Secretary, Drs. Avery and Green being appointed tellers. On the first canvass Dr. Beck was declared elected, but declining the appointment, the balloting was repeated, and resulted in the election of Dr. Nichol H. Dering.

The "resolution" of Dr. J. Aug. Smith, on the disposal of reports, &c., was called up, discussed and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Hoffman, seconded by Dr. ———,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report, at the next meeting of the Society, a remonstrance to the Legislature against the repeal of the *Medical Laws*, and also a circular to the different county societies requesting their co-operation with this Society.

Drs. Hoffman, Stearns and Bowron were appointed such committee.

James W. Anderson, M.D., of Barracoa, Cuba, was nominated corresponding member by Dr. Stearns.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

January 11th.

Present—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair; Drs. Avery, Baxter, Beck, Bowron, Brown, Cadwallader, Chapman, Gilman, Hamersley, Hibbard, Hoffman, F. U. Johnston, Ludlow, McComb, Peixotto, Randolph, J. Aug. Smith, J. M. Smith, Stearns, *et alt.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

James W. Anderson, M.D., Barracoa, Cuba, was elected a corresponding member.

Dr. Brown, of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the State Med. Society in relation to the forming a vaccine institution, reported a set of resolutions, which were adopted.

(The Secretary not having been able to procure a copy of Dr. B.'s report, it was necessarily omitted.)

Dr. Hoffman, from the committee for draughting a "Remonstrance to the Legislature, &c.," made a report, which was accepted, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare instructions to the Delegate, and report the same to the Society on Monday next.

Dr. Peixotto, Johnston, and Hamersly, committee.

Resolved, That said committee be requested to call on the Delegate and ascertain whether he intends personally to represent this Society at the ensuing session of the State Med. Society.

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Monday, 18th instant, and that the Secretary give public notice of the same through the newspapers.

Society adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Secretary.*

The committee appointed to prepare a remonstrance, &c., beg leave to submit the following report:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened, the memorial of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York respectfully sheweth, that:

Whereas, A memorial is now before your honorable body complaining of various grievances imposed on the petitioners by the Statute regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this State, remonstrating against and praying for a repeal or important modification of the law; and

Whereas, The Medical Society of the City and County of New York is fully persuaded that the proposed repeal or alterations

would be productive of consequences injurious to the public, and derogatory to the medical profession, it becomes a reluctant duty of the Society respectfully to remonstrate against such repeal, for the following reasons:

1st. Only two years have elapsed since the law went into operation, and it is but very recently that any of its provisions have been acted on in the Society. Sufficient time, therefore, has not been given to ascertain by fair experiment its practical effects, and whether it may not ultimately prove highly beneficial and salutary in correcting former evils, and in improving the condition of the medical profession.

2nd. By requiring every physician and surgeon to apply to the medical society of his county for a certificate of membership, the law leads to the detection and exposure of unlicensed practitioners, and consequently to the suppression of the evils arising from that source, and thereby greatly promoting the public good.

3rd. The sections in the former laws which are repealed by the present statute were highly obnoxious to the medical profession, and for the repeal of which your memorialists do not believe a discrepance of opinion existed among licensed physicians. Long had they been complained of as productive of serious evils to the community, and as tending to encourage quackery, which thus acquired an importance under the authority of legislative enactments; it was therefore a very reasonable expectation that your table would be thronged with petitions from those empirics whose pecuniary resources would be dried up by the infringement of the present law upon their license to practice.

4th. As the present law renders physicians and surgeons amenable to the Medical Society, and subsequently to a legal course of judicial investigation for gross immoralities and malpractice in their profession, there is every reason under this wise provision to expect a radical reformation; although no case has yet occurred in the Society to require the enforcement of the law, there is no doubt that it has already had an important influence, and if permitted to continue, and be wisely and prudently administered, that it will essentially restrain all irregular indulgence, and bring the practitioner within the sphere of duty to his patient.

The "Circular Letter" which accompanies the petition for the repeal of the law, although subscribed by respectable names, is believed to be the offering of that class of practitioners who have nothing to lose, and everything to gain, by innovation. Its ruling spirit in the proposition for an universal reform would emancipate talent, enterprise, and industry, not from corporate

restriction only, but from all legal restraints whatever, while in so doing it would equally deprive them of the protection which the laws afford, and without which enterprise and industry at least of a laudable kind would soon cease to exist. It strikes at the foundation, and would spare nothing that is valuable and venerable in our institutions. It is a spirit with which the confusion of anarchy would be more congenial than the order and regulations of good government.

The Society will not trespass on the time of your honorable body by exposing the fallacies which the circular letter exhibits, nor by correcting the perverted bearing which it gives to the operation of our laws; and while the Society regrets the course which the petitioners have persued, it trusts that their motives will be duly appreciated, and a proper estimate be placed on that sentiment which professes it to be a "duty to act respectfully yet firmly in resisting the law."

Your memorialists have too much respect for themselves to notice in detail the charges which the petitioners have adduced against the Medical Society, and in its defence will merely state that the retirement of the "distinguished members" alluded to did not take place until those members found themselves in the minority, and their distinction unavailing. Having lost the power of controlling the Society, its meetings became unattractive to them, and to this cause rather than to any mal-administration its disrepute in the estimation of the petitioners may be fairly ascribed.

The deference due to the law, however, requires that the Society should offer a few general remarks on the erroneous view in which some of its important features are presented in the petition for its repeal, and in so doing claims the indulgences of your honorable body. The most important grievances complained of in the petition are arranged under eight separate heads. Of these the 2nd, 5th, and 6th, refer to the 1st and 2nd sections of the law requiring, under certain penalties, every physician and surgeon not already admitted into a medical society to apply for a certificate of admission as a member of such society. If your memorialists do not misinterpret the law, the Society is not compelled, as the petitioners state, to receive every practitioner who applies, however "fastidious his pretensions." The Society requires every applicant for admission to produce satisfactory evidence that he has regularly studied, and is authorized by law to practice physic and surgery, and unless such evidence be exhibited he is not recognized as a physician or surgeon, but viewed as an unlicensed practitioner, and amenable as such to the provisions contained in the 22nd section of the law. An important benefit results from this in enabling the

Medical Society to detect unauthorized practitioners, and to this cause, together with the penalties in such cases provided, may be ascribed no small share of the hostility which is evinced against the law.

Again your memorialists beg leave to observe, that under the 4th head facts are not fully represented. The law prescribes a regular term of study, and allows a deduction of one year from such term provided the student shall have attended a complete course of the lectures delivered in an incorporated medical college, but the attendance on such lectures is not, as stated in the petition, one of the requisites for examination for license to practice in the State. If it were so the Society would consider the law improved, and if any modification of it were asked for, it would be this; still the petitioners complain that they are individually disfranchised of a vested professional right to deliver lectures, while the statute imposes no restriction on that right, which any one may exercise at his pleasure. In refutation of the additional charge under this head of the partial operation of this law in favor of the licentiates of any other State or country, it is only necessary to revert to the 17th section of the law by which every such licentiate is required to exhibit to the Medical Society of the County satisfactory evidence that he has regularly studied physic and surgery according to the requisitions of the 9th section, while the 16th section makes additional provisions in such cases. It is therefore difficult to conceive by what reason the law becomes so oppressive, odious, and offensive, as represented by the petitioners for its repeal, unless it be by enacting that the degree of M.D. conferred on them shall not be a license to practice.

The 7th head of grievances complained of relates not to the statute regulating the practice of physic and surgery, but exclusively to a By-Law of the Medical Society. The adoption of this By-Law dates from the original institution of the Society, and all who are members have contributed to its funds accordingly. Its propriety has never before been disputed; if not valid, it cannot be enforced, and the question as to its legality is one for the judiciary to decide, and will soon be determined; but your memorialists beg leave to observe that in consideration of the modification which the Medical Society have recently undergone, and from regard to the pecuniary circumstances of some practitioners, the expediency of altering the initiation fee has been a subject of deliberation in the Society. It is well ascertained that this By-Law has engendered that opposition in a very large class of practitioners, which they have transferred against the statute itself.

8th. The petitioners complain that while the law in express

terms declares that the degree of M.D. conferred by colleges in this State shall not be a license to practice, yet with flagrant inconsistency it authorizes the Regents of the University to confer the degree which shall be a license on any who may have attended the lectures in the incorporated medical colleges, thus creating a monopoly in their favor, and forbidding the competitions of any other.

Your memorialists would here remark that the degrees of M.D. conferred by colleges in this State are rated by this section of the law at their true value, that is simply as college honors. In the circular letter of the petitioners (page 13) it is stated "that in other countries the votary of physic may study where he pleases, and receive his diploma where he likes, without civil detriment or civil advantages; of course the most renowned seat of science is generally preferred. This diploma with his title of M.D. being a literary honor and no more, when he proposes to practice he undergoes an examination to entitle him to the civil privilege of a license." This is stated to be the case in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Paris, throughout Germany, nay, in every country of the civilized world, and in almost every State in the Union except New York. Is this exception fully applicable to the case? It is evident that degrees of M.D. conferred by colleges in this State are by this enactment placed on a par with those of other countries, where their current value is that of "literary honors and no more." The cases are especially equal as far as such degrees are concerned, and the parallel holds good throughout. In those countries we are told that an examination must be undergone, notwithstanding the diploma, to entitle to the civil privilege of a license, and such is also the requisition of the laws of this State. The propriety of this is obvious; the multiplication of mere academic honors would do no injury to society; on the contrary, the license to practice physic and surgery is a positive good or evil of the greatest magnitude—it conveys no less than a power over the life and fortune of every member of the community who may need the services of a physician. The law does not forbid competition in teaching medicine, but reserves to itself the right of prescribing the terms which shall entitle to practice it. In order that the public who are deeply interested may have some pledge of the due qualifications of practitioners, the candidates for the medical license are required to have attained the age of 21 years, and a regular term of four years of study is exacted. Ample provision is made for conferring the license through the different county medical societies, or the State Medical Society, whose respective duty it is carefully and impartially to examine the candidates, and decide on their competency. The license is equally open

to all students who shall have complied with the requisitions of the laws, not in the least excluding the pupils of those physicians who decry "monopoly in the important business of teaching." A higher standard of qualifications derived from an attendance on two full courses of the lectures delivered in an incorporated medical college is exacted from candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, which in itself is a license to practice. Such degrees emanate from that distinguished and learned body the Regents of the University, and although the practitioners charge the law with glaring inconsistency in this, the reason is substantial and obvious why such degrees are restricted to those candidates who are recommended from the incorporated medical colleges. These colleges were expressly instituted for teaching medicine. Their professors are appointed by the Regents of the University, and are accountable to them for a faithful discharge of their respective duties as teachers, and the best assurances are thus afforded that the students are instructed with the ability and attention which the importance of the profession demands, and that the degree of M.D. with its concomitant civil privileges is not undeservedly bestowed.

As much importance seems to be attached to the respectable list of members of the Medical Society who have signed the petition for the repeal of the law, it may not be improper to assign the reasons by which they have been influenced to arrange into classes those whose signatures appear appended to the petition, and to explain the probable motives that have operated to combine such a variety of discordant interests, and to unite persons of such different stations in society in the promotion of the great, and ostensibly common object, the repeal of the medical law.

1st. The first class includes those practitioners who are members of the Medical Society. This class consists almost entirely of the Medical Faculty of Rutgers College, and of those members of the Society over whom they have been able to exert their influence. It is well known that they have been applying to the Legislature for a charter, and as they have not yet been successful, they have this year adopted the unprecedented expedient of fortifying their application by uniting with the disaffected portion of the community to obtain the repeal of that section which declares that degrees conferred by colleges in this State shall not be a license to practice.

2nd. Another class consists of those practitioners who have been licensed under former laws, and who consider any subsequent regulations an innovation on their right unnecessary and oppressive.

3rd. A third class comprises those petitioners who, deriving but little emolument from their practice, cannot conveniently afford, or are unwilling, to contribute to the funds of the Society, agreeably to the requisition of the By-Law before mentioned.

4th. The last class is made up of foreigners, who are among the most clamorous of the petitioners for the repeal of the medical law. The City of New York, in consequence of its great and rapidly increasing population, affords an ample threatre for the refuse practitioners of other cities and countries to try some new adventure. Many of those whose cupidity, avarice and immoral conduct having brought upon them the indignation of those by whom they are best known, are annually emigrating to our city, and are anxious to find in the mixed population of New York sufficient nutriment to gratify their overweening desires. Several of this description have been conspicuous on public occasions in decrying and condemning the laws of our State, and charging our legislators with ignorance and folly. From such men we have reason to believe originated the very spirit and matter of the petition now before your honorable body for the repeal of the existing laws.

Closely allied with the above are others alike destitute of the requisite credentials to become members of the Medical Society, who have never received a regular medical education, and who for a long time have imposed themselves on the public as licensed practitioners. A prominent feature in the law tends to suppress such impostures, to encourage professional education, and to discriminate between the empiric and the regular qualified physician. It was therefore reasonable to expect the combined opposition of this class to a law which exposed their true characters, and that they would be solicitous to co-operate with others who could in any degree fortify their claims to the privileges which they assume.

Having thus briefly adduced some of the reasons which influence the Society in support of the law, and reluctantly sketched the motives and character of the opposition, your memorialists beg leave respectfully to remonstrate against its repeal.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the President of the Medical Society of the County of ———

SIR—At a meeting of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, held on the 14th ult., at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare, and report at the next meeting of the Society, a remonstrance to the

Legislature against the repeal of the medical law, together with a circular letter to the different county medical societies requesting their co-operation with this Society.

The committee appointed agreeably to the above resolution submitted the following report:

"That the opponents of the present law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State are making great efforts to obtain its repeal during the present session of the Legislature. With this object they have issued a circular letter, and their petition to the Legislature for the repeal of the law has been handed through the streets of this city, and exposed in the bar-rooms of public houses, for the purpose of procuring subscribers to it. By these means the list of petitioners has acquired an aspect somewhat imposing by its numerical length, and a character very remarkable for its anomaly. The most conspicuous names appended to the petition for the repeal of the law are those of the members of this Society who constitute the medical faculty of Rutgers College, with others over whom they have exerted an influence founded on personal or professional intimacy, and it excites a feeling of regret to find the names of many individuals so respectable and distinguished united with others whose obscurity would claim no notice but for their association. Among the petitioners there are large numbers of physicians who have no objection to the medical law itself, and who are influenced in this proceeding by their dislike to a By-Law of the Society which requires the payment of ten dollars to entitle to a certificate of membership. They have been solicited to sign the petition, and disapproving this By-Law, they have carried their opposition against the statute itself. The list of petitioners also comprises the names of emigrants from other countries, or other States in the Union, who are moved to this opposition against the law by the fear of exposing the inadequacy of their credentials either to entitle them to practice or to become members of the Medical Society. A prominent feature of the law tends to discriminate between the unlicensed and regularly qualified physician, and sufficiently accounts for their combination with others to effect its repeal.

In relation to the law the Society would remark that by its bearing on unlicensed practitioners it has already been productive of some good, but that sufficient time has not been given to ascertain its full practical operation, while salutary effects may be looked for in future from a due enforcement of its provisions. That for these considerations derived from the salutary tendency of the law independently of the motives which not uncharitably may be ascribed to its oppressors, the law merits the support of the profession; and should you, sir, concur in opinion with this

Society that its repeal is inexpedient, it is respectfully requested that you will convene the medical society of your county and procure a remonstrance against such repeal, to be officially signed by the president and secretary, and presented to the Legislature with all convenient despatch.

(Signed) R. K. HOFFMAN.
J. S. BOWRON.

January 18th. (Adjourned Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, V.-President, in the chair; Drs. J. A. Smith, Dayton, Gilman, Bowron, Hibbard, McComb, Pennell, Hoffman, Chapman, Ludlow, Belden, B. R. Kissam, G. McLean, Baxter, and Stearns.

Dr. Peixotto, from the committee to draft instructions for the Delegate, made the following report:

The committee appointed to instruct the Delegate to the State Medical Society, beg leave to report,

That every year's experience tends to confirm and realize the enlightened and favorable anticipations cherished by the great body of the profession in the State of New York from the institution of medical societies in every county of the State, and the representation of their delegated and concentrated voice in one general society. This system of medical legislation has removed the gross evils with which unlicensed quackery and presumptuous ignorance formerly beset medicine in this State, has given rise to united and successful efforts to enhance the dignity and elevate the moral and intellectual character of the profession, elicited talent, encouraged learning, and promoted usefulness, which might have remained for want of a proper field of action altogether latent, established the medical colleges which have already shed so much lustre and conferred so much benefit on medical education in New York, and finally constituted every regularly educated physician without distinction a direct participator in devising and planning the laws which shall regulate the practice of physic. The system has indeed been charged with possessing a spirit of monopoly, and with conferring exclusive and odious privileges on the medical societies. How ill-founded and absurd is the charge is sufficiently demonstrated by the fact that the law not merely invites but compels every member of the profession to share in the monopoly. A few provisions have, however, crept into the law at present regulating the practice of physic in this State, of which the immediate enforcement appears harsh. This evil is, however, at most but temporary, and confined in its bearing to a small number of individuals; it is therefore matter

of serious consideration whether any attempt to alter the law might not be attended with permanent disadvantages. Far better were it for the medical societies of each county to modify the applications of their own By-Laws, the exactions of which may seem oppressive, especially in mere cases which seem to have a retrospective tendency, and thus obviate all partial objections that may be urged against the general law, than to incur the danger of its total abolition from any efforts to obtain a new revision of the existing statutes. The well known indisposition of the Legislature to interfere with medicine and medical politics certainly warrants the apprehension of the abolition of all laws regulating the practice of medicine, and a return to the former absence of all wholesome checks to the dangerous license of quackery. The committee would therefore suggest to the Society the expediency of calling upon the State Society to use their well known and pretty powerful influence in preventing any alteration of the present law relating to medicine.

2nd. It has often been attempted by this and other medical societies to obtain a modification of the laws of the State so as to exempt physicians from the performance of military duty to which they are now obliged to submit to their great annoyance, discomfort, and pecuniary loss. The ill success which has invariably attended all applications on the subject would seem to render every future effort hopeless, yet as a revision of the present militia laws is loudly called for, and will in all probability be made at an early period, it may be proper to consider whether a calm and temperate exposition at the present juncture would not be expedient, and likely to obtain more respectful attention than has been hitherto conceded to the subject.

3d. The necessity of procuring some provision by law for the supply of anatomical subjects to meet the indispensable wants of our schools of medicine which suffer so materially from its unavoidable deficiency, and from the dangers and odium incident to all attempts to procure them, requires the united co-operation of all medical associations to effect this indispensable object, so materially connected with the improvement of medical science and the safety and health of the people at large. Enlargement on this subject is not required in this place, but a respectful reference is made to the very luminous report lately made before the Massachusetts Medical Society, and published under its auspices.

4thly. Among the means by which the science of medicine has gained its vast accession of facts, and to which it has been mainly indebted for its improvements, the reports of medical practice and experiences emanating from public eleemosynary institutions, such as hospitals, infirmaries, lunatic asylums, &c., have been pre-eminent. As the Legislature of this State sup-

ports, by its munificent bounty, several of these institutions (one alone obtains an annual grant of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars), would it not be conducive to the advancement of medical knowledge and the public good to compel these endowed institutions to publish annual reports of the practice of their medical officers, and thus preserve a valuable record which might else be altogether lost.

Several other subjects might be suggested as requiring the co-operation of the State Society, such as the establishment of a Vaccine institution, and the better regulation of the business of apothecaries, now carried on in the most unlicensed manner, to the jeopardy of the health and lives of the citizens; but as these topics have either been submitted on former occasions, or have been made the subject of special reports already submitted to the Society, it is not thought necessary to discuss their merits in this report.

(Signed) DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and that a duplicate of the "instructions" be transmitted to the State Medical Society.

Dr. Stearns, from the Committee on Apothecaries, &c., made the following final report:

The committee appointed to regulate the Apothecaries, respectfully report:

That in addition to the reports heretofore made, they have now the satisfaction to state that the apothecaries generally have adopted the measures recommended by the committee. They have organized an association, and appointed Drs. Brown and Torrey as Lecturers, who have commenced their respective services, and who are now lecturing to a respectable number of young men. The spirit they have already manifested indicates a desire to acquire information, and a determination to qualify themselves for their profession, and the committee entertain no doubt the evils heretofore complained of will in a short time removed.

They therefore request to be discharged.

(Signed) JOHN STEARNS, *Chairman.*

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

Feb. 15th, 1830. (Special Meeting.*)

Present—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair; Drs. Peixotto, Hoffman, Ludlow, Hibbard, J. A. Smith, Dayton, Clark, McComb, McLean, Chapman, Judson, McIntosh, *et alt.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On the recommendation of the Comitia Minora the following gentlemen were admitted members, viz.: Joseph Jauncey, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Univ. N. York. Alfred C. Post, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Univ. N. York. John C. Covel, Licentiate Med. Soc. City and Co. of N. York. Merrill W. Williams, Lic. State Med. Soc. Conn. Naudin Etienne Nicolas, School of Medicine, Paris.

Mr. Edward H. S. Holden having been recommended by the Censors, was publicly examined for license, when

On motion—

Resolved, That a license for the practice of medicine and surgery be conferred on Ed. H. S. Holden.

In compliance with a recommendation of the State Medical Society,

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of reducing or abolishing the *initiation fee* at present required of new members.

Drs. J. A. Smith, Hoffman, and Ludlow, committee.

Society adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

March 8th.

Present—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair; Drs. Peixotto, Hoffman, Dayton, Stephenson, Tessiér, Chapman, Carter, Cameron, Barker, J. A. Smith, Berry, Avery, Bowron, Van Arsdale, Randolph.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs. William F. Arnold and Daniel B. Ostrander were, on the recommendation of the Censors, publicly examined for license.

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* Feb. 8th, time of Stated Meeting, there was not a quorum present. B. B. C.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Society's diploma for licentiates in medicine and surgery be conferred on Daniel B. Ostrander.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

"*Whereas*, William F. Arnold has passed a satisfactory examination before the Censors of this Society, which in their opinion qualifies him to receive a license to practice physic and surgery; and

"*Whereas*, Three months are now wanting to the completion of his twenty-first year, and circumstances peculiar to the situation of Mr. Arnold require this expression on the part of the Society, therefore

"*Resolved*, That at the expiration of three months from this date the President and Secretary of this Society be authorized to grant a diploma to said W. F. Arnold."

Dr. J. A. Smith, of the special committee appointed at the last meeting, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the State Medical Society recommending the abolition or reduction of the fee which is now demanded of those who become members of this Society, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and submit the following remarks and resolutions:

That, independently of the weight and deference which are at all times due to the acts and recommendations of the State Medical Society, there are other reasons of importance why the advice of that Society should be adopted.

First. The demand of the fee in question was less objectionable when admission was esteemed, in some measure voluntary, than it is now, when a person is required to pay for that which the law compels him to do.

2ndly. The fee is demanded when young practitioners have just incurred all the expenses of their education, and before they have had an opportunity of reaping any portion of the remuneration which they may ultimately expect, and when consequently the payment of ten dollars is more onerous than the disbursement of a much larger sum would be at a later period of life when in a course of successful practice.

Lastly. Since the decision of the Supreme Court, and the report of the Attorney General to the Legislature sanctioning the legality of the fee, a reduction or abolition of it could not be misconstrued, but would necessarily be admitted by all of the

best evidence that the Medical Society of the City and County New York is actuated by a sincere wish to promote, as far as in it lies, that harmony and good feeling which should ever characterize the members of our liberal profession.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Secretary of this Society issue certificates of membership to all those who are regularly elected, upon the payment of *five dollars*, and that this will continue in force until the next Anniversary Meeting, when the subject shall be finally disposed of.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. AUG. SMITH.
R. K. HOFFMAN.

On motion—

Resolved, That the report be laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Monday, 13th instant, and that public notice of the same be given in the newspapers.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N. B. COIT, *Secretary.*

March 15th. (Adjourned Meeeting.)

Not a quorum.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Secr'y.*

April 12th.

Present—Dr. Piexotto, Vice-Presd't, in the chair; Drs. J. A. Smith, Rockwell, Dayton, Randolph, Tessier, Kuypers, Stillwell, Curtis, Bowron, Edwards, *et alt.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Depeyne Lestrade, M.D., University of France, having been recommended by the Com. Minora, was admitted a member.

Adjourned.

BENJ'N. B. COIT, *Secr'y.*

May 10th.

Present—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair; Drs. J. Aug. Smith, Peixotto, Stearns, Dering, Hibbard, Hoffman, Dayton, Bowron, Rhinelander, Halsey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were admitted members, viz.: Field Vermeule, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Univ. N. Y. John B. Stephenson, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Univ. N. York. William A. Caruthers, M.D., University of Penn. John Davison, Lic. Med. Soc. State of N. York.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Comitia Minora, the Secretary submitted to the Society for their consideration the credentials of Henry Fred. Lenz, who has applied to be a member. After a short discussion, it was

On motion—

Resolved, That the case of Mr. H. F. Lenz be again referred to the Comitia Minora for a further examination.

The President communicated to the Society a letter from the Secretary of the State Med. Society relating to the *initiation fee*, &c., which was, on motion, referred to the "Special Committee" appointed at the Stated Meeting in February, composed of the following gentlemen: Drs. J. A. Smith, Ludlow, and Hoffman, to which was added, by the President, Dr. Hibbard.

On motion of Dr. Stearns, seconded by Dr. Dering, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted;

Whereas, Certain members of this Society have been instrumental in procuring an amendment to the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery, in the words following, viz.: "But the provisions of this section shall not be deemed and taken to extend to, or debar any person from using or applying for the benefit of any sick person any roots, barks, or herbs, the growth or product of the United States;" therefore

Resolved, That this Society disapprove of all such proceedings, and of the amendment above recited, and that they will adopt all suitable measures to obtain a repeal of the same at the next session of the Legislature.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report, at the next meeting of the Society, such measures as they may deem expedient to carry the preceding resolution into effect.

Drs. Peixotto, Stearns, J. A. Smith, Hoffman, and Dering, committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws, and report at the Anniversary Meeting.

Committee the same as on the preceding resolution.

Society adjourned.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'y.*

June 14th.

Present—Drs. Peixotto, J. A. Smith, Rhinelander, Blatchly, Barker, Belden, Kissam, Carter, J. H. Rogers, Gilman, Dayton, Cadwallader, Avery, Stillwell, Bowron.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Comitia Minora, were admitted members, viz.: Luther V. Bell, M.D., Dartmouth College, N. H. Francis W. Walsh, M.D., Coll. Phys. and Surg., Univ. N. York. Leander Slawson, Lic. Med. Soc. City, &c., N. York.

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last meeting in relation to a late amendment of the "Laws regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery," be directed to prepare a memorial to the Legislature of this State, and a circular to the County Med. Societies, requesting their co-operation with the Society to obtain a repeal of that part of the Statutes regulating practice of physic and surgery which allows unlicensed persons to practice with "roots, barks, or herbs, the growth of the United States."

Society adjourned.

(Signed) J. S. BOWRON, *Sec. pro. tem.*

July 12th, 1830. (Anniversary Meeting.)

Present 69—Dr. Moore, President, in the chair: Drs. Peixotto, Rockwell, Stillwell, McComb, Ludlow, Johnston, Tappen, Carter, Onderdonk, Rhinelander, Gilman, Wilson, Halsey, Cockcroft, Hibbard, Dering, Van Doren, Walsh, Stevenson, Simpson, Van Arsdale, Dayton, Anderton, Rodgers, Conger, Anderson, Beck, J. M. Smith, Bowron, Kinsley, Ingersoll, Phelps, Brinckerhoff, Pitts, Baxter, D. A. Rogers, Condit, J. A. Anderson, Cheesman, *et alt.*

The minutes of the Comitia Minora for the last year were read and approved.

The business of the meeting being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the President appointed Drs. A. L. Anderson, Ludlow, J. M. Smith, and Phelps, Tellers, declined standing candidate for reappointment, and then directed the Society to proceed to the election.

The Tellers having reported the following gentlemen elected to the several offices prefixed to their names, and by the number of votes as affixed they were severally announced from the chair duly *elected*, viz.:

Dr. PEIXOTTO, *President*, 40.
Dr. HOFFMAN, *Vice-President*, 46.
Dr. DERING, *Cor. Sect'y*, 48.
Dr. COIT, *Rec. Sec'y.*, 38.
Dr. ROCKWELL, *Treasurer*, 50.
Dr. J. J. GRAVES, 49,
Dr. BELDEN, 37,
Dr. D. L. ROGERS, 33, } *Censors.*
Dr. GILMAN, 32,
Dr. HIBBARD, 29,
Dr. RHINELANDER, *Delegate*, 38.

Drs. Gilman and Coit having declined acceptance of the office to which they had been elected, the President declared Dr. Willett the 5th Censor, he having received the greatest number of votes for said office after the five who had already been announced. A new election for Recording Secretary was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

The Society then adjourned to Monday, the 25th inst.

BENJ'N B. COIT, *Sec'ry.*

July 26th, 1830. (Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President, Drs. Cadwallader, Cameron, Stearns, Baylies, McComb, Hoffman, J. M. Rogers, Tappen, Wilson, Halsey, Bowron, Stillman, Gilman, Holden, Onderdonk, J. A. Anderson, B. K. Kissam, J. K. Rodgers, Lobstein, Walsh, Coit, Baxter, Dayton, Dunnell, Hibbard, Rhinelander, J. M. Smith, Rockwell, C. C. Blatchly, A. Post, Pitts, Graves, Dering.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President pronounced an interesting inaugural discourse.

The Secretary then proceeded to ballot for a Censor and Recording Secretary to fill the vacancies occasioned by resignations at the last meeting, when the following gentlemen were duly elected: J. W. Sterling, M.D., for Recording Sec'y, and Alfred C. Post, M.D., Censor.

The Society then proceeded to the examination of the proposed alterations in the By-Laws, and after much discussion refused to accept the proposition of the committee to reduce the initiation fee from $10 to $5.

The latter clause of Art. 2nd, Chap. 7th, was ordered to be stricken out, and the words "by due course of law," inserted. And latter clause of Art. 5th, Chapter 10th, also Art. 3rd, Chap. 15th, stricken out, and Art. 5th, Chap. 13th, stricken out. The word "Censors," Art. 2nd, Chapter 17th, stricken out, and Treasurer to be inserted in its place.

Resolved, That the Society adjourn to Monday next.

New article to be inserted in the By-Laws, No. 6th, Chap. 2nd:

Ordinary business of the Society shall be transacted at Quarterly Meetings only, viz.: 2nd Monday in July, October, January, and April. All the other meetings of the Society shall be devoted to the reading and discussion of medical and scientific subjects and papers.

Adjourned.

(Signed) N. H. DERING, *Cor. Sec'y.*

August 2nd, 1830. (Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President, Drs. J. H. Bayley, Nichols, Bowron, D. L. Rogers, Wilson, Dering, Hibbard, Tappen, J. K. Rodgers, Clark, Halsey, Blatchly, Cadwallader, Dayton, Lobstein, Hardenbrook, Graves, Post, Baxter, Cameron, Walsh.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Secretary request the President to furnish a copy of his address for publication.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Secretary be the committee

of publication with power to publish as many copies as shall be deemed expedient.

1st and 2nd Articles of Chap. 4th of the By-Laws were stricken out, and the following inserted in their place:

ART. 1st. The President, at each meeting of the Society, shall announce the name of some member who will read a lecture at the next meeting.

ART. 2nd. The person so appointed shall read a dissertation on some subject connected with the science of med. and surgery, or some important case in practice.

The Treasurer read the following report, which was referred to a Special Committee of Finance, composed of Drs. Halsey and Tappen:

Med. Society County of New York, 31st July, 1830.

The Treasurer begs leave respectfully to report, that he has received from the former Treasurer $102.84, from members for initiation fees, and candidates for examination, &c., $240.00. Total, $342.84. He has paid out during the past year $301.78, leaving a balance now in the treasury $41.06. There is also a small balance now in the hands of the late Sec'y, which has not been paid over. The Treasurer also holds the notes of some of the members for initiation fees amounting to 55 dollars. The amount of demands against the Secretary is not known, but from inquiry the Treasurer is disposed to think that the funds in his hands will fall short considerably of the debts due by the Society. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM ROCKWELL, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Baxter read an interesting report of the Meteorological Committee, which was accepted, and referred to the Comitia Minora.

Drs. Graves, Halsey, and A. D. Wilson, were appointed a committee to examine the By-Laws, and to report at the next Anniversary Meeting.

Dr. Stearns read the following report of the Library Committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be considered at the next meeting:

The Library Committee respectfully report that they have subjoined a list of all the books which they have collected and ascertained to belong to the Medical Society, excepting those in the possession of Dr. Pascalis, and he consents to deliver them

to the order of the Society whenever the Secretary shall furnish him with a catalogue that shall enable him to select such as are their property. The committee deem the present collection of books too valuable to be lost, and trust that it may constitute a germ from which an important library will hereafter be founded. Such a library will form a centre of union to cement together the members of the Society, to augment their usefulness and respectability, and to inspire them with additional zeal to attend its regular meetings. They therefore recommend to the Society the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Library Committee be instructed to provide a suitable place for the Library wherever they shall deem it necessary.

Resolved, That this Library Committee be instructed to issue a circular to each member of the profession in this city requesting a donation of such books as they can conveniently spare for the use of the Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary will appropriate ——— dollars every year towards the purchase of books for the Library.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN STEARNS, *Chairman Library Comm.*

The following is the catalogue of books collected and deposited at No. 3 Warren St.: Trans. of an Assoc. of Phys. and Surg. of Q. and K's College, Ireland, 4 vols. Trans. of the Med. Chirug. Society, London, 12 vols. Dublin Hosp. Reports, 2 vols. Anderson's Quart. Jour. of Med. Science, 1 vol. Ed. Med. and Surg. Journ., 2 vols. Lond. Med. Repository, 8 vols. Lond. Med. and Phys. Journ., 8 vols. Johnson's Med. Chir. Review, 2 vols. Phildel. Med. and Phys. Journ., 6 vols. N. Y. Monthly Chronicle, 10 vols. N. Y. Med. and Surg. Regis. of Hosp. Cases, 1 vol. New Eng. Journ. of Med. and Surg., Surg., 7 vols. N. Y. Med. and Phys. Journal, 11 vols.

Dr. Hibbard was appointed by the President to deliver a lecture at the next meeting.

The following permanent committees were appointed by the President, viz.:

COMMITTEE ON DISEASES.—Drs. J. S. Bowron, J. M. Smith, A. C. Post, C. C. Blatchly.

COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. P. C. Tappen, J. J. Graves, F. W. Walsh, A. D. Wilson, J. R. Rhinelander.

COMMITTEE ON METEOROLOGY.—Drs. Baxter, Hibbard, J. H. Bailey, Halsey, J. H. Anderson.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.—Drs. Stearns, Willett, Avery, J. K. Rodgers, F. U. Johnston.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—Drs. L. Belden, Dayton, McComb, Rockwell, Berry.

WARD COMMITTEES.—1st Ward. J. M. Pendleton, J. C. Arnold. 2nd Ward. E. Mead, J. B. Loring. 3rd Ward. McComb, Condit. 4th Ward. Phelps, Halsey. 5th Ward. F. U. Johnston, F. W. Duvall. 6th Ward. Edwards, Sweeny. 7th Ward. Hallock, Z. W. Seaman. 8th Ward. P. Forrester, J. J. Graves. 9th Ward. Gilman, Brinckerhoff. 10th Ward. J. Davis, J. A. Anderson. 11th Ward. P. B. Sloan, P. Van Arsdale. 12th Ward. A. V. Williams, A. Smith. 13th Ward. Berry, Perry. 14th Dayton, Clark.

Adjourned.

(Signed) F. W. WALSH, *Sect. pro tem.*

Aug. 9th, 1830. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President, Drs. Hoffman, Chapman, Stearns, McComb, Dayton, Onderdonk, Dunnell, Buckham, Berry, Sloan, Cadwallader, Pitts, Pollard, Simpson, Bowron, Hardenbrook, Condit, Post, Carter, Lawrence, Tappen, Hibbard, J. A. Smith, Edwards, Halsey, Randolph, Clark, Blatchly, J. H. Bailey, Rhinelander, Walsh.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Hibbard read a lecture on Scarlatina.

Resolved, That Dr. Hibbard's Lecture be open for discussion.

The Special Finance Committee then made the following report:

N. YORK, 7th Aug., 1830.

The Special Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts begs leave to report that the following is the result of their inquiry:

TREASURER OF MEDICAL SOCIETY, CR.

To cash paid for serving notices on physicians not members, not audited by the Finance Committee	$50.00
Counterfeit money handed down from Treas. to Treas.	5.00
T. P. Evans as porter and stationery, 13th July, 1829	13.00
Evening Post for publications, &c.	7.23
Jonathan Seymour for printing	121.23
Commercial Advertiser for publications	5.75
F. P. Evans as porter, 31st Dec., 1829	12.00
Courier and Enquirer for publication, 14 Nov., 1829	33.23
Morning Herald for publication	1.75
Evening Post for publication	12.87
Samuel Woods and Sons	25.72
Benj'n Pike for Thermometer	3.50
Repairing Rain Gauge	10.50
	$291.78

TREASURER MED. SOCIETY, DR.

To cash received from the late Treasurer, Dr. Van Gelder	$102.84
Cash received from the late Secretary, Dr. Coit, on account	35.00
Notes due and shortly due from members	55.00
Cash from members as individually noted in the Treasurer's book kept for that purpose	195.00
Cash	$332.84
Deduct	291.78
In hand	41.06
Notes No. 3 property of the Society	55.00

The above is respectfully submitted by your committee.

(Signed) D. W. HALSEY.
P. C. TAPPEN.

The Society then went into an election to fill the office of Recording Secretary, vacated by the resignation of Dr. Sterling, when Stephen W. Avery, M.D., was elected.

Resolved, That the Secretary shall make out and keep a roll of all the members of this Society, and that the names of all new members shall be added thereto as soon as they shall join the Society.

Adjourned.

(Signed) FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary pro tem.*

Sept. 13, 1830. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President, Drs. McComb, Kissam, Bowron, Graves, Tappen, Walsh, Dering, Baxter, Wilson, Bailey, Rhinelander, Dunnell, Barker, Pond, Gilman, Hoit, Dayton, Pitts, Rockwell, Stearns.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Guillou's credentials examined, and

Resolved, That when he shall have satisfied the President, Secretary, and Dr. Graves, that he has filed them in the County Clerk's office, he shall be considered a member of this Society.

Drs. Painchaud and Perrault, of Quebec, C., were elected honorary members of this Society.

The credentials of Mr. H. F. Coley were examined and referred again to the Comitia Minora.

Credentials of Dr. Gerairdt declared to be unsatisfactory.

Drs. Leeds and Holden admitted as members.

Dr. Tappen read an essay on "Reasoning in the Sciences, particularly in Medicine."

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to the State Legislature for the passage of an act granting, under certain restrictions, the dead bodies of unclaimed persons for the purpose of dissection.

Resolved, That this committee report the said memorial to the Society at its regular meeting in December next.

The committee appointed was Drs. Graves, Rhinelander, and Baxter.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Secretary*.

Oct. 11th, 1830. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Graves in the chair; Drs. Stearns, Bowron, McComb, Walsh, Dunnell, Holden, Rhinelander, Rockwell, Coit, Leeds, Baxter, Belden, Post.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Henry F. Coley, of the College of Surg., London, elected a member.

The committee appointed to procure a more suitable room for the meetings of the Society, reported in favor of one in the N. Y. Dispensary.

Resolved, That the subject be again referred to the committee with powers.

Resolved, That the Secretary request the chairman of the

committee appointed to draw up a memorial to the Legislature respecting the practice of medicine, to report at next meeting.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to the Secretary at their next Quarterly Meeting the names of such persons as are in the habit of inviting customers afflicted with defined diseases, or of any other conduct which may be considered as a breach of the code of medical ethics, and if they think fit, to present charges against any such persons agreeably to the 3rd Section of the Revised Statutes.

The chair appointed Drs. Dunnell, McComb, J. H. Bailey, Hibbard, and Pond, a committee.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Secretary.*

Nov. 8th, 1830. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President; Drs. Walsh, Hibbard, McComb, Lawrence, Carter, Harris, D. L. Rogers, Stearns, Hoffman, Bowron, Graves, Judson, Johnston, Dering, Randolph, Post, Edwards, Betts, Leeds, Dayton, Stephens.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Amos C. Churchill was publicly examined, and admitted to a license to practice physic and surgery.

Committee appointed to procure a room for the meetings of the Society, reported in favor of one in the New York Dispensary. Accepted.

Dr. James Wright, of the University of Edinburgh, admitted a member of the Society.

Resolved, That the Society meet on the 16th inst. to receive the report of the committee appointed to draw up a petition to the Legislature on the subject of root doctors.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sec'y.*

Nov. 16th, 1830. (Special Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President; Drs. Post, Bowron, Edwards, McComb, Barker, Rockwell, Judson, Walsh, Graves, Dayton, Carter, Leeds, Tomlinson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Peixotto then read the following report of the committee appointed to petition the Legislature:

The Memorial of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York to the Hon. the Legislature of the State of New York, respectfully sheweth:

That it hath ever been the aim and object of the great and enlightened body of medical practitioners in this State to procure the enactment of regulations by the government which, while they should place the medical profession under the wholesome and wise control of the laws, should exclude from the practice of the healing art all ignorant pretenders and knavish impostors. The number of these designing foes to the lives and healths and fortunes of their fellow citizens has ever been great in the State of New York. History says they abounded before the Revolution like locusts in Egypt, and their number since that memorable event has by no means diminished in proportion to the moral and intellectual advancement of the the public mind. Their existence has been proved by no one circumstance more palpably than by their loud impassioned and too frequently successful struggles against the passage of all laws regulating the practice of physic and surgery. While the friends of medicine urged its claims in a rational, calm, and dignified tone, confiding for the success of the measures they proposed in the wisdom and humanity of our legislators, its interested opponents have either clamourously opposed these claims, and imputed the most base designs to the most honorable minds, and thus successfully stayed the progress of all legislation tending to elevate the character of the medical profession, or when they failed in this general object, they industriously introduced provisions calculated to impair the dignity and lessen the benefit of such laws as were enacted, and to retain in their own hands the power of administering to diseases, the nature of which they were ignorant of, medicines whose very physical qualities were unknown to them. It was by artful manoeuvres of this kind practised upon weak and superstitious minds, and blended with political schemes of temporary popularity, that the very useful law enacted in 1806 regulating the practice of physic and surgery was burdened with a provision which was a stigma to our code, and reflected on the knowledge and intellectual independence of its enactors. This provision exempted those using roots, barks, and herbs, the growth and produce of the States, from the penalties of the act incurred by all those practising physic without due preparation, examination, and license, by competent authorities. This

provision has been justly described to be a disgrace to our statute book, and a stigma to our enlightened people as being equally unjust and unwise. It is based on one or two suppositions—either that all the roots and herbs which are indigenous to the United States are harmless, and unpossessed of active properties capable by abuse to injure the human constitution either in health or disease, or that they are possessed of certain miraculous and charmed powers which enable all those persons indiscriminately who recur to their employment, however ignorant they may be otherwise, incompetent by preparatory study to distinguish and treat diseases as it were intuitively, and without fail of cure. To exhibit the puerile fertility and injurious tendency of such ridiculous dogmas were, in the present condition of even popular knowledge, to insult the good sense of our enlightened Legislature. The late revisors of the laws of this State were fully satisfied of the untenable position on which the aforesaid permission had been supported and defended, and they wisely struck it from the statute book. Satisfied with this triumph, however slowly achieved over popular prejudice and legislative indifference, the guardians of medical honors and privileges hoped that the reign of medical superstition in this State had been obliterated, and scarcely anticipated its restoration; not so their wily opponents—with a constancy which was not to be diverted or subdued, and a watchfulness ever on the alert, they greedily seized hold of a local difference of opinion on other points of the medical law, and on a discussion respecting its repeal being injudiciously brought before the Legislature, they had the good fortune to obtain a re-enactment of the odious provision respecting roots and herbs, and their success has been complete. Notwithstanding the repeated and able expositions of numerous medical societies and writers of the incalculable mischief and abuses which are practiced on the community under its authority, notwithstanding the almost daily occurrences of the most fatal character which can be attributed to no other source than the legal license given it by botanical and steam doctors, notwithstanding the notorious facts familiarly made known time after time that among the roots and herbs which are the growth of the States are to be found some of the most rank poisons to human vitality—with a knowledge of this fact staring them in the face, and with the natural and just horror inspired by the repeated details of the most horrid sacrifice of life and health offered up to the cupidity and unsparing iniquity of authorized quacks provisioned according to law, your petitioners would respectfully point out to your honorable body the important obligations incumbent upon all lovers of their species to put an end to the legalized calamities which are to be traced

to the existence of this scandalous provision of the existing law. This can only be accomplished by its renewed repeal—a repeal warranted by the conduct of the enlightened revisors of our statutes, and enforced by all the most powerful suggestions which humanity, science or liberal policy can suggest.

The President then read an invitation from the Med. and Phil. Society of New York to attend their anniversary oration, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the committee hereafter to be appointed to memoralize the Legislature on the subject of dissections be instructed to include in their memorial a petition for so amending the 9th Section of the Revised Statutes as to require of every student applying for a license an attendance upon at least one full course of lectures delivered in some legally constituted medical college.

The President read a communication from the Med. Soc. of Rio Janeiro, and presented a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws.

Resolved, That the Corres. Sec. be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the Med. Soc. of Rio Janeiro, and to forward to said Sec. a copy of our Charter and By-Laws.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

Dec. 13th, 1830. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Dr. Peixotto, President; Drs. Edwards, Wright, McComb, Judson, Bailey, Walsh, Dunnell, Rhinelander, Bowron, Post, Barker, Rockwell, R. B. Kissam, Leeds, Throgmorton, Pond, Dayton, Wilson, Cleeve.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following gentlemen were proposed by the committee for membership, and elected: Drs. Wm. M. McCall, of the University of Pennsylvania. John J. Vright, of the County of Albany. Wm. Anderson, of Middlebury College, and George J. Janeway, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dunnell read the following report of the committee appointed on the subject of members inviting customers afflicted

with defined diseases, which was accepted, and will be found among the papers of the Society.

Resolved, That the Society act forthwith on the subject of the report.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting be called on the 27th inst., for the above purpose.

Dr. Bowron read a report of the Committee on Diseases, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the Library Committee be requested to report at the next meeting.

Dr. Dayton offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to enquire into the validity of the election of the Delegate and and Treasurer. Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

Dec. 27th, 1830. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. McComb, Carter, Brinckerhoff, Judson, Glover, Evans, Ireland, Wm. Anderson, Loring, Rockwell, Wilson, Walsh, Upson, Hibbard, Kissam, Downs, Cornell, Post, Cheesman, Wright, Leo Wolf, Dering, Gilman, Graves, D. L. Rogers, Vought, Hoit.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the committee on the subject of members of the Society inviting customers afflicted with defined diseases was read, and Drs. Evans and Ralph Glover were heard on the charges preferred against them.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Society the charges preferred against Drs. Evans and R. Glover are well founded. Ayes and noes taken.

Ayes—Drs. McComb, Carter, Brinckerhoff, Leeds, Ireland, Kissam, Cornell, Cheesman, Wright, Gilman, Vought, Anderson, Loring, Rockwell, Upson, Hibbard, Downs, Post, Dering, Leo Wolf, Graves, Avery.

Nays—Drs. Noyes, Wilson, Walsh, Evans, Glover, D. L. Rogers, Hoit.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

January 10th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Townsend, Judson, Dayton, Bailey, Barker, Dunnell, Bowron, Carter, Wright, McAuley, Baxter, Glover, Walsh, Cleeve, Belden, Rhinelander, Leeds, Graves, D. L. Rogers, J. H. Rodgers, Halsey, Wilson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Drs. David M. Reese, of the Univ. of Penns., and Cyrus Frink, of Harvard College, were declared to be members.

Resolved, That when the Comitia Minora are satisfied of the legality of the credentials of any applicant for membership, a notice of the same by the President to the Society is all that is required for his admission.

The President read a letter from Dr. Wm. Anderson informing him that he should prefer charges against Dr. A. W. Ives, and others, at a future meeting, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to instruct the Delegate.

Drs. Bowron, Walsh, and Graves, appointed by the President, a committee.

Dr. Graves offered several resolutions on the subject of medical education, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That an Extra Meeting be called on Monday next, and that the notice in the public prints contain an intimation that its subject is to memoralize the Legislature on the subject of medical education.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a petition to the Legislature of this State to throw open the New York Hospital to all medical students, and to relieve them from the present tax of ten dollars for admission, and that proper measures be adopted to furnish clinical instructions to them in that institution.

Drs. Rhinelander, Baxter, and Carter, appointed a committee by the President.

Resolved, That the Delegate be instructed to represent the wish of this body that the different county med. societies may have the power of refusing admission to any such persons as are known to be obnoxious to the public, notwithstanding the legality of their credentials.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect'y.*

January 17th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Stearns, Kuypers, Saynich, F. U. Johnston, Verplanck, Bowron, W. Anderson, Wright, Stevenson, Dunnell, Judson, McComb, Kissam, Walsh, Cleeve, Sweeny, Hibbard, Carter, Edwards, Upson, Baxter, Rhinelander, Milledollar, J. H. Bailey, D. L. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, Halsey, Graves, Graham, Vought, Leeds, Morrison, Beldon, Wilson, J. K. Rodgers.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Rhinelander read a report of the committee appointed to petition the Legislature to throw open the New York Hospital to students, which was accepted, and will be found among the papers of the Society.

Dr. Bowron read a report of the committee to petition the Legislature respecting the study of anatomy, which, after some alteration, was accepted. (See papers, &c.)

The following resolutions, offered by Dr. J. J. Graves at the last meeting, were then taken up and passed article by article:

Whereas, That inasmuch as the present system of conducting medical education by giving to a few members of the profession the sole right of teaching medicine, is an unjust monopoly, originating at a period when the science was comparatively in its infancy, and the means of teaching were only possessed by an extremely limited number of physicians, and in countries whose political constitutions have perpetuated the system of education, which are of necessity but in different degrees intimately dependent upon those very forms of government; that such exclusive systems are inconsistent with the spirit of our national democracy, and that all emulation and exertion are repressed by the restrictions under which talent and knowledge at present labour, in which the many are obliged to succumb to the few; and finally, that by these means the profession generally is prevented from attaining that elevated character which so naturally, and hence necessarily, should be attached to it. Therefore

Resolved, That as in the preamble to the act of incorporation of medical societies in this State, it is stated that "such well regulated societies have been found to contribute to the diffusion of true science, and particularly the knowledge of the healing art;" and as the evils complained of are wholly at variance with such diffusion of knowledge, that therefore the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, taking these things into deliberation, do petition the Hon. the Legislature of this State for the

passage of a law whereby the restrictions already noticed may be removed, and the system of teaching medicine be made more consonant with the principles of the Constitution.

Resolved, That to this end the following amendments to the law regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery be incorporated in such petition.

1st. That the Med. Society of the City and County of New York elect, by ballot, twenty-one regularly licensed physicians who shall constitute a faculty of medicine.

2nd. That as the medical societies already have the power to grant diplomas for the licentiate of medicine, its faculty be empowered to confer the degree of Doctor in Medicine upon such persons as shall have complied with all the requisites of study exacted by the existing statutes in reference to the course of studies to be pursued in the incorporated medical colleges.

3rd. That said faculty shall have the power of receiving the tickets of attendance on the lectures of any physicians or surgeons who shall have strictly complied with the laws of the State regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery, and who shall have given to said faculty sufficient evidence of his means and ability for teaching the various branches of medical science.

4th. That the same persons under whom students may have pursued their studies either as public or private pupils, shall not be their examiners for their diplomas nor be entitled to a vote thereupon.

5th. That such faculty be empowered to elect from its members a Dean and Registrar, and to enact, with the approval of the Society, by-laws for its government and general regulations for teaching.

6th. That the members of the faculty be elected for the term of three years, one third to be removed annually.

7th. That the faculty be under the control of the Society, who shall have the power, after due investigation, of suspending from office any member of said faculty who shall be guilty of misconduct.

8th. That such sections, or parts of sections, of the Revised Statutes, as may be incompatible with the requisitions of these proposed amendments, be repealed.

9th. That nothing in the act shall be construed in favor of any number of teachers associating themselves under the title of University College, or Academy, or in any way other than may be permitted by this act infringing upon the existing acts of incorporating universities, colleges, or academies.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to embody these resolutions in a petition to the Legislature, with powers.

Resolved, That the President be of that committee, and that six be appointed by the chair.

The President appointed Drs. J. J. Graves, W. J. Macneven, Rhinelander, J. H. Bailey, F. J. Bowron, and Milledollar, a committee.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sec'y.*

Feb. 14th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—Vice-President, Drs. Stearns, Judson, McComb, Walsh, Janeway, Milledollar, Carter, Dering, F. U. Johnston, Post, J. H. Rogers, Graves, Rhinelander, Bowron, Hibbard, Green, Upson, Wright, Belden, Cock, Macneven, Cornell, Leeds, Cheesman, D. L. Rogers, Dayton, Wm. Anderson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The account of O. Hoffman, Esq., presented, and ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to report at the next regular meeting the state of the treasury, and present an account of all monies due, and a list of the notes given to the Treasurer for initiation fees.

Dr. A. C. Churchill, Licentiate of the Society, declared to be a member.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to collect subscriptions for the purpose of sending persons to Albany to support the petition respecting medical education.

Drs. Milledollar, Rhinelander and Walsh appointed.

The Delegate made a report, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with the committee of the State Society on the subject of a Vaccine Institution, be discharged, and a new one appointed.

Drs. Rhinelander, Brown, Cheesman, Milledollar, and Peixotto, appointed.

Dr. Wm. Anderson's letter was read again, but no order was taken on it.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sec'y.*

March 8th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Rhinelander, Graves, Bowron, Milledollar, Hibbard, J. M. Smith. J. A. Anderson, F. U. Johnston, Carter, D. L. Rogers, B. Belden, Wright, McNeven, L. Belden, J. H. Rogers, Judson, Leeds, McCaffray, Gilman, Ackerly, Dayton, Post, Cornell, Stevens, Walsh.

Dr. Walsh appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

Dr. Macneven read the report of the committee of the Legislature on the petition of the Society.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a remonstrance against said report.

Drs. Macneven, L. Belden, Milledollar, Judson, and Hibbard, appointed.

The committee then read a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be referred to the standing committee.

On the appeal of Dr. Dayton from the chair, the Society decided that he was out of order.

Resolved, That the Hon. the Representatives in Senate and Assembly from this City be requested to strenuously forward the views of this Society as set forth in the original petition, and the accompanying remonstrance in opposition to the existing monopoly in medical education.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sec'y.*

March 14th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Kuypers, Williams, Judson, J. H. Rogers, B. Belden, Cleeve, McComb, Walsh, Wright, Leeds, D. L. Rogers, Bowron, Macneven, Rhinelander, Hoffman, Post, J. M. Smith, Holden, Nichols, Upson, Cheesman, Rockwell, Stearns, Hasbrouck, Pollard, Dayton, L. Belden, Conger, Hibbard, Baxter, Graves, A. L. Anderson, Bailey, F. U. Johnston.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Joseph H. Ray, and Robert Moneypenny, recommended by the Censors, were examined, and admitted to a license to practice physic and surgery.

The President declared Drs. Wm. Nelson and Bolitha Laws to be members.

Dr. Baxter read a report of the Meteorological Committee.

Dr. L. Belden read a report of the Finance Committee, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the Secretary publish a list of the members of the Society only.

The President read a communication from Dr. L. Feuchewanger, on the medical properties of the guaco leaves, accompanied with specimens.

Resolved, That the following committee be appointed to examine the above medicine.

Drs. J. M. Smith, D. L. Rogers, Judson, Rockwell, Cheesman, and Griswold.

A paper was also presented by Dr. L. F., on Arsenic, for which the thanks of the Society were voted.

The question respecting the examination of foreign students was then discussed, and it was

Resolved, That the following committee be appointed to enquire into the powers of the Society in this respect.

Drs. Bowron, Hoffman, and Wright, appointed.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sec'y.*

April 11th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Bowron, Wright, Judson, Post, Dunnell, Nelson, Leeds, Holden, D. L. Rodgers, Churchill, Carter, Graves, Frink, Belden, Hibbard, Upson, Rockwell, McComb.

In the absence of the Secretary, the President appointed Dr. McComb as Sect. *pro tem.*

The President declared Drs. Joseph H. Ray and David Green to be members.

Mr. Lucius Comstock, recommended by the Censors, was admitted to an examination, and licensed to practice physic and surgery.

The committee appointed to enquire into the power of the Secretary to examine foreign students, made a report, which was accepted.

Resolved, That students who have not pursued their studies in the United States, are not admissible to an examination.

Adjourned.

(Signed) J. R. McCOMB, *Sec'y, pro tem.*

May 9th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Dering, Judson, Dunnell, Frink, McComb, Post, Bowron, Baxter, A. Hosack, Churchill, Nelson, Wright, Graves, Leeds, Stearns, Carter, Holden, D. L. Rogers, Dayton.

Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

Joseph Surveyor, recommended by the Censors, was publicly examined, and admitted to practice phys. and surgery.

Dr. Robert Moneypenny was declared to be a member of the Society.

Resolved, That at each meeting the Secretary request those members who have not signed the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, to do so.

Dr. Baxter presented the Society several copies of a pamphlet on the properties of the root of Kaknica, with a specimen of the extract, for which the thanks of the Society were voted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the medical properties of said medicine.

Drs. J. J. Graves, Baxter, A. Hosack, Leeds, and McComb, appointed.

Resolved, That the resolution of the last meeting respecting foreign students, be reconsidered, and the subject again taken up at the next meeting.

Resolved, That the President be empowered to correspond with the different county medical societies of this State, informing them that it is our wish that so much of the Revised Statutes as interfere with the right of rejecting improper persons presenting themselves for membership; and also that portion which permits unlicensed practitioners to use the roots and herbs the growth of the United States, be repealed, and requesting their co-operation with us in aid of such object.

Resolved, That the committee on education have free access to the papers in the archives of the Society.

Resolved, That the Treasurer furnish a list of those who have not paid their initiation fee.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY.

June 13th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Bowron, Leeds, Walsh, McComb, Nelson, Wright, D. L. Rogers, Belden, Frink, Judson, Cleeve, Post, Simpson, Barker, Holden, Baxter, Wilson, Rockwell.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Stephen R. Kirby, recommended by the Censors, was examined, and admitted to practice physic and surgery.

James Campbell, M.D., of the University of Glasgow, and Dr. Lucius Comstock, Licentiate of the Society, declared to be members.

Dr. Baldwin offered the following resolutions, which were accepted:

Whereas, It was a cardinal object in the organization of medical societies that, in connection with their obvious utility in advancing the knowledge and usefulness of their members, they should be the conservators of the public health, and as it is a fact well known to every member of the medical profession that the water of New York is very impure, and unquestionably highly injurious to the health of the citizens, being the probable cause of many of the most intractable diseases, it is therefore

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the City and County of New York do earnestly and respectfully express their opinion that the Common Council ought immediately to take efficient measures for providing an abundant supply of good and wholesome water for the use of the inhabitants of this city.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Society that no supply of good water sufficient for the great and rapidly increasing population of New York can be obtained on this island.

Resolved, That the Society is of the opinion that the expense of obtaining water of the best kind from sources in Westchester Co. would bear no proportion to the unbounded advantages that would result to the health and convenience of the city.

Resolved, That the following committee be appointed to draw up a memorial to the Common Council setting forth the deleterious qualities of the water at present in use, together with

such analysis as they may think necessary: Drs. Macneven, Peixotto, Avery, Bowron, D. L. Rogers, L. Belden, Rhinelander, Brush, and Wilson.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting be called to receive the report of the above committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary give notice in the papers of this city to those members of the Society who have not signed the Constitution and By-Laws, that unless they comply with Art. 2nd, Chap. 14th of the By-Laws before the 1st of January, 1832, they will not be considered members.

The resolution respecting foreign students was brought up again and discussed.

Resolved, That those foreign students who shall bring satisfactory testimonials of having studied physic and surgery four years, the last four months of which have been in this country, shall be admitted to an examination for license.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

June 20th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Janeway, Milledollar, Bowron, Kuypers, McComb, Cleeve, L. Belden, Frink, A. Hosack, R. Judson, Gray, Campbell, Baxter, Churchill, D. L. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, Rhinelander, Wilson, Walsh, Wright, Holden, Pascalis, Stearns, Cock, Dering, Cheesman, Macneven, Leeds, Post, Rockwell, Dunnell, Nelson, W. Anderson, and others.

The President read a petition signed by Dr. Pascalis, and others, praying that a Special Meeting of the Society might be called to enquire into the conduct of Drs. A. W. Ives, A. H. Stearns, and others, said to be members of a secret association.

Dr. Pascalis explained the object of the petition, and Dr. Milledollar offered the following resolution, which, after much debate, was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed by the President to investigate the subject of the secret association of medical men in this city for purposes said to be derogatory to the profession, and injurious to the public.

Drs. Milledollar, Jas. Bailey, Gram, Wilson, and Pascalis, appointed.

Dr. Bowron read a report of the committee appointed to propose a memorial to the Common Council on the subject of water, which was accepted.

Resolved, That it be published.

Mr. James Lerceney, recommended by the Censors, was examined and licensed to practice physic and surgery.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

July 11th, 1831. (Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Janeway, Campbell, Post, Baxter, Hibbard, Rhinelander, Bowron, Cleeve, Wilson, Judson, Leeds, Rockwell, Purdy, Maclay, D. L. Rogers, Macneven, J. H. Rogers, Wilson, Wm. Anderson, Dunnell, F. H. Bailey, Sweeny, Onderdonk, Cheesman, J. A. Smith, Delafield, Carter, R. B. Kissam, B. Belden, Milledollar, Graves, Dering, Stearns, McComb, F. U. Johnston, Tappen, Blair, Walsh, Marvin, Frink, Churchill, Cock, Moore, Dayton, J. K. Rodgers, Barker, and others—in all 138.

Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

Minutes of the Com. Minora from the last year were read.

Resolved, That three Inspectors be appointed to receive the votes for the election of officers.

Drs. Cheesman, Duval and Dayton appointed.

Resolved, That the votes for all the officers be in one ticket.

The Society then went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, and the Inspectors declared the following gentlemen to be duly elected:

D. L. M. PEIXOTTO, M.D., *President*, 78.
D. L. ROGERS, M.D., *Vice-President*, 65.
P. E. MILLEDOLLAR, M.D., *Cor. Sect.*, 75.
F. M. WALSH, M.D., *Rec. Sect.*, 68.
CHARLES CLEEVE, M.D., *Treasurer*, 67.

A. E. HOSACK, M.D., 123,
WM. J. MACNEVEN, M.D., 69,
AB'M. D. WILSON, M.D., 69,
H. G. DUNNELL, M.D., 65,
LEWIS BELDEN, M.D., 63,
} *Censors.*

Resolved, To adjourn to this day fortnight.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to suggest alterations in the By-Laws.

Drs. Stearns, Marvin, J. Bailey, Edwards and Milledollar appointed.

Adjourned.

S. W. AVERY, *Sect.*

July 25th, 1831. (Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Judson, Frink, Bradshaw, A. L. Anderson, Bowron, Carter, Throckmorton, Piatt, L. Belden, Simpson, McIntosh, Rhinelander, Conger, Dunnell, Wilson, Jas. Anderson, Ireland, Upson, Stephenson, Deffinbough, Nichols, Churchill, Stearns, Marvin, Lobstein, Macneven, Janeway, Van Doren, Phelps, J. Sweeny, J. A. Smith, J. W. Francis, A. E. Hosack, Sloan, Dering, Edwards, Gram, J. Wright, Maclay, Randolph, J. H. Bailey, Leeds, Cleeve, Milledollar, Dayton, Post, Pollard, Pitts, D. L. Rodgers, B. Belden, Rockwell, Hibbard, Graves, W. Nelson, Pascalis, Walsh, Gray.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President delivered a very interesting and eloquent discourse.

On motion of Dr. Milledollar, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be returned to the President for his address.

Dr. Stearns, chairman of Committee on the By-Laws, reported several important alterations, additions, and amendments, which were adopted.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. J. H. Bailey, Article 1st, Chap. 13th By-Laws was stricken out, and the following inserted in its place:

"No person shall be admitted a member of this Society unless his credentials confer the same powers as usually appertain to the degrees or licenses of this country."

Resolved, That the By-Laws as altered and amended, together with the Charter of the Society and a list of the officers and members, be printed for the use of the Society.

Dr. Stearns, L. Belden and Marvin were appointed that committee.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary request from the President a copy of his address for publication.

Nathan R. Smith, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the University of Maryland, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Judson.

Jas. MacDonnell, M.D., Lecturer on the Practice of Physic in the Hospital of Belfast, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. James Wright.

Thomas W. Wright, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Maryland, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Graves.

Resolved, That the Anniversary be again adjourned to meet on Friday, 29th.

FRANCIS WINTHROP WALSH, *Sec'y.*

Amendments to the By-Laws passed at the Adjourned Anniversary Meeting held July 25th, 1831.*

July 29th, 1831. (Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Judson, Simpson, Stearns, Bowron, W. Nelson, Ludlow, Pitts, Ireland, B. Belden, De Angelis, Cornell, Forrester, Dayton, Blois, Jas. Wright, Dunnell, Throckmorton, Janeway, Graves, Deffinbaugh, D. L. Rogers, Piatt, Brinckerhoff, J. H. Rogers, J. O. Smith, Knapp, Miller, Loring, Leeds, Tomlinson, Wilson, Osborn, Pascalis, Van Doren, Maclay, J. Sweeny, Pollard, Lobstein, Herriot, Gray, Upson, Clark, Jas. Anderson, F. Vermeule, Edwards, Frink, D. Green, Bradshaw, Phelps, A. E. Hosack, McCaffry, Cleeve, Randolph, Comstock, Leo Wolf, Walsh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following permanent committee were appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Comitia Minora:

COMMITTEE ON DISEASES.—Drs. Milledollar, Maclay, Gram, L. Belden, Jas. H. Rodgers.

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* Do not appear on the Minutes. See Appendix.

COMM. ON INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. Pascalis, Deffinbough, Carter, Piatt, Judson.

COMM. ON METEOROLOGY.—Drs. Baxter, Z. H. Harris, Janeway, Forrester, M. Stephenson.

COMM. ON LIBRARY.—Drs. Stearns, J. H. Bailey, P. F. Clark, C. C. Blatchly, Throckmorton.

COMM. ON FINANCE.—Drs. Dayton, Cleeve, Jas. Wright, Robson, B. Belden.

WARD COMMITTEES.—1st Ward. Drs. Pendleton and Green. 2nd Ward. Drs. Pascalis and Loring. 3rd Ward. Drs. A. Wright and McComb. 4th Ward. Drs. J. Wright and Hallock. 5th Ward. Drs. Duvall and Verplanck. 6th Ward. Drs. H. Sweeny and Edwards. 7th Ward. Drs. Pollard and Upson. 8th Ward. Drs. J. O. Smith and Brinckerhoff. 9th Ward. Drs. Walsh and A. J. Miller. 10th Ward. Drs. Simpson and J. A. Anderson. 11th Ward. Drs. Holden and Churchill. 12th Ward. Drs. Williams and Arnold. 13th Ward. Drs. Berry and Sloan. 14th Ward. Drs. Piatt and Baxter.

On motion of Dr. Stearns, it was

"*Resolved*, That J. Augustus Smith be a committee to revise the Act of Incorporation published by the Society in 1828, and to report a perfect copy of the same, designating such portions of the Act which have not been repealed, and are omitted in that publication, assigning his reasons for the alterations he may propose, together with an estimate of the expense for publishing the same.

On motion of Dr. Atkins, Dr. Stearns was added to the committee.

Dr. Milledollar, chairman of the committee appointed by the Society to investigate the subject of a *Secret Medical Association*, made a report on the existence of such an association in this city.

Report accepted and referred to the original committee for publication.

Ayes—Drs. Judson, Simpson, Stearns, Jas. O. Smith, Knapp, Miller, B. Belden, Pitts, De Angelis, Loring, Wilson, Osborn, Ireland, Forrester, Dayton, Pascalis, Van Doren, Maclay, J. Wright, Dunnell, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Pollard, Lobstein, Blois, Throckmorton, Janeway, Gray, Clark, Jas. Anderson, Deffinbough, D. L. Rogers, Gram, F. Vermeule, Edwards, Frink, Piatt,

Brinckerhoff, J. H. Rogers, D. Green, A. E. Hosack, McCaffray, Cleeve, Randolph, Comstock, Walsh.

Noes—Drs. Bowron, Cornell, Tomlinson, Leeds, Upson, Phelps, Bradshaw.

On motion of Dr. Wright, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the legality of the election of the present Delegate be referred to the Comitia Minora for an investigation, they to report at the next meeting of the Society.

On motion of Dr. Milledollar, seconded by Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That the Medical Society doth consider itself pledged to use all lawful and honorable exertion to accomplish the following important objects:

1st. The suppression of quackery in every form, and the prevention of its interference with the interests of a liberal profession.

2ndly. The repeal of such laws of the State as interfere with the guaranteed privileges of the members of the profession, and subject them to a system of unequal and burdensome taxation.

3rdly. The restoration of the full term of four years study, without exceptions.

4thly. The establishment of a system of reform by which unjust monoplies of the honours and emoluments of the profession, whether secured by private combination or by the civil authority, be speedily broken up.

5thly. The due observance of the excellent Code of Medical Ethics adopted by the Medical Society, in its spirit as well as letter.

Carried. *Ayes*—44. *Noes*—2, Drs. Bradshaw and Cornell.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to report at the next meeting.

Baron Dr. Alibert and Baron Dr. Dupuytren were proposed as honorary members by Dr. Lobstein.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned to meet on Friday, the 5th of August.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Sect.*

Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the subject of a Secret Medical Association.

The Committee appointed to investigate the subject of the existence of a secret association of medical men in the City of New York, said to be for purposes derogatory to the profession

and injurious to the public, report that in undertaking the task assigned them by the authority of the Medical Society, they supposed it not improbable that they would be subjected to the secret enmity of some who might consider their interests affected by an investigation of the subject of this report. They were not prepared, however, for gross and unprovoked insult from any member of the Secret Association. They confess their mistake, and acknowledge that, although moderate in their calculations, they had attributed too much to the prudence and sense of decorum of certain of the profession.

The committee have examined the subject committed to their investigation with caution and deliberation. Whilst under the influence of a desire to protect from an unjust obloquy, they have been actuated by a paramount sense of duty to the Medical Society and the profession to state truth derived from authentic sources of information, and to express opinions deemed fairly inferable from such premises.

It is to be understood that an association of medical practitioners was formed in this city about twelve years ago. Who may be strictly called the founders of it, we have been unable to learn.

The number of the original members was but small—Drs. Cock, Alex. H. Stephens, John C. Cheesman, and some others, belonged to it at an early date. New members have since been carefully selected and gradually introduced as they have been found to be suitable in any way to promote the objects of the Association.

The following physicians are now members, viz.: Drs. Thomas Cock, Alexander H. Stevens, John C. Cheesman, Francis U. Johnston, Stephen Brown, Ansel W. Ives, Dudley Atkins, Benjamin McVickar, Josiah D. Harris, Peter C. Tappen, John K. Rodgers, Martyn Paine, Marinus Willett, Jas. L. Phelps, Stephen Hasbrouck, John Conger, Samuel W. Moore, John W. Weed, Albert Smith, Gilbert Smith, Joseph M. Smith, Daniel W. Kissam, Richard K. Hoffman, J. C. Bliss, Nichol H. Dering, John Torrey. There are a few more whose names were not suggested to the memory of our informant, one of the members of the Association. Another member of the Society has insisted very strongly upon the circumstance that the institution is not called "*secret association*, but '*Kappa Lambda*,' a branch of the parent Society." The committee do not know whether there is any cababalistic meaning in this designation. If any gentlemen shall feel curious on this part of the subject, we can only inform them that it is composed of two letters of the Greek alphabet answering to K and L in English, and for further instruction refer them to those members of the Association who have been

sufficiently educated to know their name and explain its import. With "parent Society," or any other societies external of New York, the plan upon which they may be conducted, the characters of their members, the principles upon which they are founded, or the abuses that have grown out of them, we claim no right to interfere. The independent establishment of New York is amenable to the Medical Society of the City and County, and to it alone the committee shall confine its attention. The avowed objects of this Association are the promotion of good fellowship among the members, and the advancement of medical science. The first may be readily allowed, and the means used for securing it be lauded for ingenuity and aptness; indeed, never has the physiological fact of a close sympathy existing between the heart and stomach been more experimentally proved.

With regard to the second object, we remark that it cannot be so readily admitted. The members, when questioned on this particular, have hesitated, and have not given direct answers. Moreover, besides that the evidence in its favor is deficient, your committee cannot be so uncharitable or so unjust to the literary character of the gentlemen as to suppose it possible that, after having combined their wit for twelve years, at this day when the enquiry is made, "What have you done as an Association for the cause of science and the honor of the profession?" echo alone should be heard to answer, *What?*

Among other regulations of this Association there exists the following prominent requirements, viz., *secrecy* and *exclusiveness.* The former extending to the fact of the existence of the institution and to its proceedings, whilst the latter is carried so far as to exclude any candidate proposed who does not receive an unanimous vote, said vote being taken by ballot. Here it is evident that the honor of every medical gentleman in the city is deeply concerned. If the persons composing this secret body repose confidence in the integrity and judgment of each other, then every man who may be proposed as a candidate, either with or without his consent, may have his reputation marred in the opinion of the whole fraternity, his rejection implying that something discreditable is known of him by one or more of the members of the Association. The committee have been informed, by the best authority, that *fancy* alone regulates the choice. No explanation is called for or assigned for blackballing a candidate.

Although it would seem from their own account that the persons composing this Association are not bound by oaths to aid each other in their professional pursuits, yet it doth appear that the same purpose is answered by a combination based upon the principles that have been mentioned, and is fully secured by the following solemn pledge, which is acknowledged as part of their

compact: "I, ———, do solemnly promise that, by all proper means, I will *promote the professional respectability* and *welfare* of the *members* of this Association, and *vindicate* their *characters* when unjustly assailed; and that I will not demand any pecuniary acknowledgment for such instruction as it may be convenient for me to afford to the *son* of any indigent *member* as may be in the opinion of the Society qualified by his previous education and talents, and moral character, to become a respectable and useful member of the profession, but that *I will afford such instruction gratuitously in conjunction with the members of the Society.*"

We have thus an acknowledgment, on the part of the Association, that its members are obligated to promote the professional respectability and welfare, to vindicate the character, and provide for the medical education of the posterity of each other. It is here to be remembered that the above extract is taken from an *exparte* communication that was attempted to be introduced at the Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society, but which was very properly rejected, ample opportunity having been afforded to make explanations before the appointment of the committee of investigation.

This had never been attempted by the members of the Association, although the professional and private character of many of them had been assailed in a periodical publication called the *Lancet*, which terminated in a libel suit brought by two physicians who had been wrongfully accused of belonging to a secret association of a dishonorable character, but which the other gentlemen named in said publication have never publicly noticed. It became therefore necessary that the Medical Society, the organ of the profession and the guardian of its honor and interests, should investigate this matter. The committee cannot inform the Society whether the communication above alluded to *contain the truth, or the whole truth.* Composed as it is of useless and irrelevant matter that could not have been introduced for any other purpose than to blind and mislead, the pledge that has been extracted is the only portion of it that is peculiar to the Association as a distinct body, and is sufficient to show the invidious character of the institution. This quality, while it increases the injurious influence upon the interests of the profession, renders the liabilities of the members of the Association upon exposure less important and dangerous to them than if they were bound by unlawful oaths to accomplish the same designs. Your committee would observe that they respect some of the gentlemen belonging to the secret association, and can only account for the circumstance of their connection with it by the fact that their unsuspecting integrity has led them to confide too

implicitly in the avowal of their more artful associates, or has blinded them as to the natural tendencies of an association like that under consideration. Yet it must be admitted that there are men of policy belonging to it whose minds are not of so *high an order* as to overlook the monopolizing effects of their arrangements, and whose morals are not *so high toned* as to prevent them from using a machinery of the kind to the disadvantage of their professional brethren, and their own personal aggrandizement. And we would here remark that this Association is devoid of any quality redeeming it from the opprobrium that has been attached to secret societies. The *Masonic institution*, remarkable for its antiquity, whose foundation is laid in a sublime and universal charity, recognizing as brethren all classses, religions and conditions of men, extending the right hand of fellowship to them, and aiding and comforting them in their necessities, distresses and extremities; even this society has met with opposition, because, in order to accomplish a great good, it has been under the nccessity of adopting a requirement considered by some an imperfection in the system, and rendering it obnoxious to public censure. What then must every intelligent and generous minded man think of an Association for which no such ennobling apology can be made, but which adding the odious feature of exclusiveness to the suspicious character of secrecy, offers nothing satisfactory in extenuation, and for which no spirit of allowance can offer any other explanation than this, viz.: that it originated in *selfishness*, and has been continued for the purpose of advancing the *pecuniary interests* of and making professional reputation for its members without submitting to fair and open competition, which decided talents and honorable minds never wish to avoid.

As your committee has thus candidly expressed an opinion on the subject, it will be proper to enter more into detail and to show how it has arrived at its conclusions, and would commence by stating that no other explanations are in accordance with the modes of this Association. It is true that, since the discovery of its existence, *an attempt* has been made by *persons implicated* to represent it as solely devoted to professional improvement, and as a club of individuals associated for the encouragement of the amiable feelings of our nature to be secured by intimacy, but it is impossible for a mind of ordinary perception at all acquainted with the world, and accustomed to reflection, to be satisfied with an explanation so deficient and inadequate. Were the objects such as have been alleged, why have gentlemen been excluded whose known reputation for practical skill and scientific research was a sufficient guarantee to the members of the club that by a communion with them they might have acquired

useful knowledge and furthered their honorable design of improving the profession? And how has it happened that the Association has not called to its aid many physicians much respected in this community for their gentlemanlike manners, their irreproachable and unsuspected professional and private characters, and who might have furnished a good example of religious and moral virtue, and materially contributed to the promotion of the other laudable, amiable and generous purpose? The committee find these questions were difficult to answer when they consider the difference in the ages, education, associations, morals and manners of the persons composing the *Secret Club.*

It may, perhaps, be urged that as its members are of one way of thinking on the subject of the present policy in relation to medical education, in order to continue its harmony it could not admit gentlemen whose sentiments were not fully understood to be in accordance with the unanimous feeling of the Association. It is sufficient to reply that several physicians distinguished for their professional attainments, and particularly remarkable for their devotion to that policy which has resulted in the establishment of the present system of medical education, and moreover whose active exertions and extensive influence was greatly instrumental in accomplishing the present order of things, have not been deemed *fit characters* to be introduced into this *good society.* In endeavoring to account for this slight of these personal and political friends, your committee cannot but conclude that the superior talents and independence of character which would have led these gentlemen to take rank according to their supportable pretensions, rendered their admission dangerous to the *factitiously important* though intrinsically insignificant power controlling the institution and dispensing its benefits. Having thus attempted to solve the mystery of the formation of the secret and exclusive Association, it remains to investigate its tendencies, and to point out the evils resulting to the profession and the public from its existence in the community, and these the committee consider of so grievous a character as to call for the animadversion of the Medical Society.

By its influence in curtailing a free intercourse with the profession at large, it produces in the minds of its members a false estimate of their own characters, and an erroneous impression of the characters of those who are initiated into their mysteries. This is not only a natural consequence, but may be directly effected by misrepresentations made at their meetings by some evil-minded member whose mean spirit, shielded by the security of secrecy, does not hesitate to make statements unliable to disproof, and for which he is not responsible. An impression can

thus be made on the minds of those present which may remain ever afterwards unfavourable to the party thus basely slandered. The injurious effects thus produced are reciprocal. For when men of weak minds have been rendered vain and arrogant, unless they have great power of concealment, they are apt to carry out their feelings in an assuming and contemptuous behavior towards their equals and superiors. Now with a body of men so skilled in human nature as the medical profession, and so much governed by common sense, we venture to assert that nothing renders a man more justly contemptible and entirely ridiculous. The disrespect thus engendered and mutually felt may be transferred from the profession to the public, and may finally eventuate in degrading the profession so low as almost to preclude the possibility of its ever regaining its pristine rank and respectability.

An association like the one under consideration is also to be reprobated, inasmuch as it tends to an unjust monopoly of the emoluments and honors of the profession. The more advanced and powerful appropriating the consultations and wealthy practice, whilst to the juniors and less influential is granted that which is less lucrative, and to which the former cannot attend.

Advantages like these can be easily secured by an association of men practising an art which is a mystery to the public without supposing them individually to be possessed of more than ordinary capacity. We observe that even instinct has taught certain animals of comparative weakness and stupidity the necessity of combination in warding off the attacks of the more powerful; hence by putting their heads together and keeping close and compact they secure themselves against encroachment, and chew the cud in safety. There are others of a more offensive nature who range in squads, and who sometimes succeed by a united attack in dragging down nobler game—they are, however, particularly fond of a certain kind of flesh.

To the profession the committee would give warning by reminding them of the Spanish proverb—"If you make sheep of yourselves the wolves will eat you up." But to be more serious, your committee do consider a combination of men so well calculated to create a monopoly in the profession as opposed to the spirit of the excellent Code of Medical Ethics adopted by the Medical Society, and destructive to the etiquette which in a refined community has ever governed the physician and gentleman.

An association of the magnitude of the club under consideration by acting in concert, by accepting favors from the physicians who act in good faith, and not reciprocating them, can collect a much larger portion of public patronage, and win a

much greater influence, than they are justly entitled to by their real merit.

The extent of the effect produced in this way in the case before us, the profession can alone judge of and fully appreciate. The following fact being palpable is sufficient to produce the conviction that there is truth and not suspicion in what has been alleged. It is this: almost all the professional offices in the City of New York, leading to practice and conferring reputation, are monopolized by the "*Secret Association.*" For example: in the New York Hospital the attending physicians and surgeons are Drs. Thomas Cock, John C. Cheesman, Francis U. Johnston, Alexander H. Stevens, John K. Rodgers, J. M. Smith, and Valentine Mott. Dr. Mott was appointed a surgeon of the Hospital before the formation of the Secret Club, of which we are happy to state he is not a member.

In the New York City Dispensary we have as consulting physicians Drs. John C. Cheesman, Francis U. Johnston, Alexander H. Stevens, S. W. Moore, and John A. Smith. This last gentleman, we have been told, was formerly a member of the Secret Association, but has lately retired from it.

The physicians of the Lying-in Establishment are, with two exceptions, members of the New York Kappa Lambda. The following are their names: Drs. Thomas Cock, Francis U. Johnston, Peter C. Tappan, J. C. Bliss, A. W. Ives, Benjamin McVickar, G. Smith, Hersey Bailies, G. Wilkes. *The two last are not members.* One of the physicians of the Magdalen Asylum (Stephen Brown), is a member of the *Secret Club;* he has also within a few years past enjoyed the important situation of physician to the Almshouse, and attending physician to the New York Hospital. In the Medical College in Barclay street, before the demise of the late President, at one time the Secret Club had in possession four professorships and the *presidency* of the institution. Of the medical trustees *two-thirds* are members of the Secret Association.

It is but proper to remark that the offices of Resident Physcians and Health Commissioners are not held by members of the Association, but it must be recollected that these *ceteris paribus* are conferred upon those medical gentlemen who have political claims upon the dominant party of the State which makes these appointments. The circumstance of the Association missing these offices is hence easily understood and explained.

The committee are of the opinion that the public good is very materially interfered with by the existence of *secret, exclusive* and *mutual benefit* medical clubs in the community. Not to mention the *useless consultations*, and the *unnecessary numbers*

invited to them, both of which effects the disposition of the members of these clubs to oblige and patronize each other is calculated to produce, it may often happen that the patients who fall into their hands may be reduced to such an extremity as to render a consultation necessary. If your committee understand the nature of a consultation, it is not intended to be merely the assembling together of men who see eye to eye in order to avoid responsibility, and to increase the expenses of medical attendance, but would rather judge that their utility in reference to patients mainly depends upon a free interchange of the opinions of men of skill and independent minds who would not be so much impressed with a difference from each other, or their own interests, as to forget the most important concern, the patient's safety. Under other circumstances a consultation is a mere farce, if nothing worse. In cases requiring surgical operations, the evils of these associations may be seriously felt. It often happens that the gentlemen of the profession are asked to recommend a surgeon to decide upon the propriety of an operation, and to perform it if necessary. When we learn that a gentleman of our city, celebrated at home and abroad for his correct judgment in surgery, for the boldness and safety of his operations, does not belong to the Secret Association of New York, how can we account for the circumstance, unless by supposing that he is not *properly appreciated* by the members, or else that *envy* at his distinguished reputation has excluded him?

In either case there is reason to fear that in these important cases requiring such a man he may be set aside, and a man of rashness, or otherwise mentally or physically deficient, be substituted. Great damage might thus happen to such as depend upon the impartiality of a prejudiced or unconscientious medical adviser for an unbiased recommendation.

Another evil likely to result from secret and exclusive medical associations is this: that there are many circumstances of private life which physicians become acquainted with through the confidence reposed in them by the public, which should never be transferred from their own bosoms. There are also occurrences happening in the weakness of nature, and under the influence of disease, which men of delicacy of feeling and a nice sense of honor are in no danger of revealing, but which gross men are only deterred from communicating by their interests demanding their silence. In secret clubs, in moments of relaxation from more grave conversation, anecdotes may be related, the subjects of which would feel much aggrieved did they know that they afforded topics for the conversation, and perhaps amusement, of a number of medical men met for the purpose of

good fellowship, and bound to keep secret whatever transpires among them.

In conclusion, your committee, after having traced the natural tendencies of a secret and exclusive society of men in a profession which is a mystery to the public who can form no adequate idea upon what slight circumstances and false foundations the characters of physicians often rest, would notice the circumstance that has been set forth as counteracting in the present case the evil tendencies above mentioned.

It has been asserted that the good moral and religious character of some of the persons belonging to the Association ought to be a sufficient guarantee to the rest of the profession, and should satisfy the public that they are too pure to act unjustly to their fellow practitioners, or to do them wrong. Your committee unhesitatingly deny the assertion, as it is not in accordance with the fact, and reject the idea that the principles of those belonging to the Club are any better than those of gentlemen excluded. Indeed, the vanity and pride that would make such distinctions in their own favor, and offer such an apology, is not indicative of good sense, or of Christian meekness and humility.

Moreover, the committee cannot manifest such ignorance of the human heart and the history of mankind as to confide in ostentatious professions of extreme excellence. One of the wisest of men complained that he had found but one man out of a thousand. Now supposing physicians to be equally as good moral men as their neighbors, then out of about 300 medical gentlemen in New York 30 have been found, which, if added to those who may have been overlooked, is too large a proportion in favor of the increase of perfectness since the days of the great and wise King. The truth is this: allowing some of these gentlemen to be in general good and clever men, yet we must not forget that human nature is weak, that there are such things as besetting sins, and that in a trading community *covetousness* is apt to be most predominant. It is not only the duty of individuals to strive as much as possible against the absorbing influence of this passion, but it particularly becomes the duty of communities to prevent this debasing propensity of our nature from interfering too much with their interests and the public good.

Your committee would therefore recommend to the Medical Society the publication of this report in order to neutralize the effects of the Secret Association by informing the public of its existence and tendencies. At the same time they would recommend to the members of the profession a close observation of the traits of character, and the conduct of the members of the Secret Club, so that, if possible, to distinguish the man who has

been imposed upon from him of mean and selfish views and artful character. The former, the committee would advise to leave the Association as soon as possible; of the latter, they would say to the profession, "*Hic niger est hunc tu caveto.*"

(Signed) PHILIP E. MILLEDOLER.
FELIX PASCALIS.
ABRAHAM D. WILSON.
HANS B. GRAM.

A correct copy.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Aug. 5th, 1831. (Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Carter, Pascalis, Baxter, Osborn, Jas. Wright, Graves, D. L. Rogers, Loring, Deffinbough, Maclay, Power, Gray, Gram, Macneven, Dayton, P. F. Clark, Cleeve, Dunnell, Comstock, A. L. Anderson, Wilson, Post, Bradshaw, Cornell, Rockwell, Throckmorton, W. Nelson, Ritter, Nichols, Lobstein, McIntosh, Pollard, Cadwallader, Milledoler, J. Sweeny, Linsly, J. H. Rogers, Pitts, B. Bailey, Blois, Leeds, Berry, Coit, Bolles, Perry, Piatt, Upson, C. Wright, H. Sweeny, J. H. Bailey, J. W. Duvall, Walsh. 53.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, seconded by Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That the amendment offered by Dr. Atkins to Dr. Stearns' motion be stricken from the minutes, he, Dr. A., not being a member of this Society.

The report of the Com. Minora on the subject of the Delegate was read by the Secretary, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora are not satisfied of the legality of the election of Dr. Rhinelander as Delegate to the State Medical Society, but consider Dr. Dayton as the regularly elected Delegate, he having had the next highest number of votes for that office.

On motion of Dr. J. Wright, seconded by Dr. J. H. Bailey,

That the report of the Comitia Minora be accepted.

The Society went into a committee of the whole, Dr. Graves in the chair. The subject of the report was then discussed at length. The committee rose, and reported that they had heard

the arguments in the case, whereupon the President took the chair, and the question being put on adopting the report, it was carried in the affirmative.

Ayes—Drs. Pascalis, Osborn, J. Wright, Loring, D. L. Rogers, Deffinbough, Gray, Gram, P. F. Clark, Cleeve, Dunnell, Dayton, Throckmorton, Wilson, Nelson, Ritter, Nichols, Lobstein, Milledoler, Pollard, J. Sweeny, J. H. Rogers, Berry, B. Bailey, Bolles, Piatt, J. H. Bailey, Walsh.

Noes—Drs. Carter, Baxter, Graves, McClay, Power, Macneven, Post, A. L. Anderson, Cornell, Bradshaw, Rockwell, McIntosh, Linsly, Pitts, Leeds, Coit, Upson, H. Sweeny.

On motion of Dr. Graves, seconded by Dr. Milledoller, it was

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be instructed to prepare a history of the election held in the year eighteen hundred and thirty, the number of votes each candidate received, the time when the protest of Dr. Dayton was made to the Society, and such other matters as may be thought necessary for the direction of the Medical Society, and that such report be made to this Society at its next regular meeting.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, seconded by Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That whereas a publication has appeared in the public newspapers advertising a person, the initials of whose name are stated to be W. A., a practitioner of medicine and surgery, as a base and dangerous character; and

Whereas, By the Revised Statutes the public have a right to suppose that every medical and surgical practitioner is a member of the Medical Society of the County in which he resides, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to discover who is the individual referred to, and whether he be a member of this Society, and if he shall prove to be such, to enquire into the nature of the charges preferred against him, and to report, after consulting the Comitia Minora, the steps necessary to be taken in the premises.

The President appointed Drs. Milledoler, Pascalis and Baxter as that committee.

Madame de Tilyou, M.D., Lecturer on Obstetrics, and formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy at the Hospital la Pitié, Paris, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Walsh.

John Eberle, M.D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of

Physic in the University of Ohio, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Deffinbough.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Aug. 8th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Pascalis, Macneven, Deffinbough, Osborn, Blois, Simpson, Lobstein, Belcher, Cleeve, Baxter, Milledoler, Wilson, S. R. Birch, Dayton, Rockwell, Pollard, Cadwallader, Birch, Z. H. Harris, Churchill, Throckmorton, Gilman, Bowron, Jos. H. Bailey, Jas. Wright, Hoit, Post, Loring, Holden, Maclay, B. Bailey, Linsly, Dunnell, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Cockcroft, Janeway, Hardenbrook, J. H. Rogers, A. L. Anderson, Baylies, J. Graham, Berry, D. L. Rogers, Cornell, Randolph, Graves, Leeds, Nichols, Perry, Carter, Walsh—53.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

John W. Rafferty having been recommended by the Censors, was admitted to a public examination, but the balloting was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Society in consequence of his four years term of study wanting five days of its expiration.

The following gentlemen having been duly proposed at a previous meeting, were elected honorary members, viz.: Nathan R. Smith, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the Univ. of Maryland. James McDonnell, M.D., Lecturer on the Practice of Physic in the Hospital of Belfast. Thomas W. Wright, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the Univ. of Maryland. Baron Doctor Alibert and Baron Doctor Dupuytren, Paris. John Eberle, M.D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic in the University of Ohio.

The credentials of the following gentlemen being satisfactory to the Comitia Minora, they were admitted members of this Society, viz.: Washington Ritter, M.D., John J. Ferguson, M.D., and Thos. P. Vanderhoff, Licentiate of Dutchess Co. Med. Soc., and Edward V. Brown, M.D.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That all business relating to application to the Legislature be referred to the Comitia Minora.

Dr. Rockwell offered the following resolution as an amendment, viz.: That all business relating to applications to the Legislature be referred to a *Special Committee.*

The Society decided that Dr. Rockwell's motion could not be considered as an amendment, but as a distinct resolution, to which decision the President entered a protest.

On motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. Osborn, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Society on the best means of advancing the science of medicine in this city.

Drs. Macneven, Maclay, Cleeve, J. H. Rogers and Piatt were appointed.

Dr. Graves offered a protest against the proceedings had in the case of Dr. Rhinelander.

The Society decided that the preamble of Dr. Graves' protest was out of order.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Sept. 12th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Judson, Dunnell, Deffinbough, Wilson, B. Bailey, Bradshaw, Davies, Throckmorton, Sloan, Bowron, Pascalis, Graves, J. H. Bailey, Macneven, Rhinelander, McCaffray, Dayton, Clark, D. L. Rogers, McComb, R. Johnson, Baxter, Carter, Ritter, Cleeve, Blois, Maclay, Rockwell, Avery, Gray, Heriot, Upson, Osborn, Leo Wolf, J. H. Rogers, W. Nelson, J. Sweeny, Duvall, J. Wright, Frink, Dering, Churchill, Perry, Milledoler, Power, Lobstein, Pollard, Blatchly, Nichols, Stearns, J. O. Smith, Pitts, Marvin, Geo. Ackerly, Loring, Piatt, S. Ackerly, Hibbard, Comstock, H. Sweeny, Linsly, Z. H. Harris, Barker, Walsh—65.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. Maclay, it was

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of our late distinguished fellow member, Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchill, the members of the Society will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That Dr. Pascalis be appointed to deliver an historical eulogium on the life and character of the late Dr. Mitchill.

Gunning S. Bedford, M.D., of Geneva College, having been recommended by the Censors, was admitted by the Society to the practice of physic and surgery, the public examination being dispensed with by special resolution.

John W. Rafferty, after having been publicly examined by the Censors, was duly admitted to the practice of physic and surgery.

Dr. Bowron offered the following resolution, which was lost, viz.:

Resolved, That all those gentlemen who have received a Diploma of Doctor of Medicine from Geneva College (it being now full four years since they commenced their studies) may, upon producing satisfactory evidence of the fact to the Comitia Minora, and paying their initiation fee, receive a license and be admitted members of this Society without a public examination.

The President presented a dissertation by Dr. Lobstein on the treatment of Phthisis Pulmonalis by a new remedy. Referred to a special committee—Drs. Graves, Barker and Leo Wolf.

The committee on the subject of the communication respecting *W. A.*, reported that from circumstances it would be inexpedient to enter into an investigation of the subject at present.

Dr. Graves presented and read a protest against the decision of the Society in the case of the Delegateship, which was ordered to be engrossed on the minutes.

Dr. Macneven, Chairman of the Committee on Advancing Medical Science, read a report on the subject of Medical Education, which was accepted, to be made the special order of business on Monday, 19th of Sept.

On motion of Dr. Hibbard, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Medical Education be empowered and instructed to print the report made by them this day, and to send a copy forthwith to every member of this Society, and also to notify the members on the margin of said report that a Special Meeting will be held on Monday, 19th Sept., at 4 P. M.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Medical

Intelligence to report to this Society as soon as practicable such facts as they may be able to learn relative to the disease at present prevailing in the north of Europe, and known as spasmodic cholera, and that they have power to direct the Corresponding Secretary to open a correspondence on the subject with such person or persons in Europe as may be likely to communicate satisfactory information on the subject.

On motion of Dr. Stearns, it was

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Dr. J. Aug. Smith for the revisal of the charter of this Society, be hereby annulled.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to revise the charter be discharged from acting.

Resolved, That the meetings of this Society be hereafter held at No. 68 Duane St., until further notice.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Society be held on Monday, Sept. 19th, at the above place.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

The Committee of the Medical Society on the best means of Advancing the Science of Medicine in this city, beg leave to report that

Whereas, The members of this Society are entitled by law to receive and educate students, and

Whereas, Students are bound by law to complete with some physician and surgeon duly authorized to practice his profession, the legal term of medical study of *four years*. And

Whereas, This Society is further authorized by law to examine students in medicine and surgery, and to award their diplomas, which shall be licenses to practice; therefore

Resolved, That a *School of Medicine* be formed forthwith by this Society for the education of students of medicine and surgery in common.

Resolved, That those members of the Society who see fit to deliver specific courses of instruction in medicine and surgery make known their intentions before the twenty-first day of September.

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements be elected, by ballot, which shall provide a suitable location for the exercises of the School of Medicine, receive the notifications of the different Professors, convene them for arranging in concert the details of

their respective duties, and report for the concurrence of this Society.

Resolved, That the members of this Society friendly to reform be requested to make an early return to the com. of arrangement of the names of their students whom they will send to attend the lectures in the school of this Society.

Resolved, That the School of Medicine of the Medical Society go into operation on Tuesday, the first of November next.

Resolved, That suitable measures be taken to effect the following alterations in the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State:

1stly. That students of medicine shall not in future be examined and recommended for licenses or degrees by their teachers, but by indifferent members of the Society, and that the examination shall be public.

2ndly. That the sixteenth Section of title seventh, Chap. fourteenth of the Revised Statutes, be repealed, which makes a degree from the Regents of the University a license to practice physic and surgery.

3rdly. That the part of the eighth Section which abridges the regular term of the study of medical science from four years to a shorter term, be repealed.

Resolved, That measures be taken during the ensuing session of the Legislature to exempt members of medical societies from militia duty, and from serving on juries.

(Signed) WILLIAM JAS. MACNEVEN.
ROBERT H. MACLAY.
CHARLES CLEEVE.
JAMES H. ROGERS.
WILLIAM F. PIATT.

Correct copy.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

DOCTOR GRAVES' PROTEST.

Whereas, Upon a discussion of the question of the legality of the election of Dr. John R. Rhinelander, held on the fifth of August, 1831, a resolution was passed nullifying said election. And

Whereas, The subscriber then voting in the minority, and conceiving that the opinion of the majority as expressed by said resolution is inconsistent with principles of right and just legislation, therefore, in virtue of his constituted privileges, he now makes this protest against said decision of the Medical So-

ciety of the City and County of New York, and claims as a right that the same be entered on the minutes of said Society.

First. I do protest against said decision because the said Society have exceeded any right given them by statute, or by usage, inasmuch as the party or constituent body in whom is vested the right of electing any person, or persons, to constitute another and distinct body, have no authority to decide on a question of contested election, such authority belonging wholly to the body of which such person is elected to form a constituent part, *e. g.*, a legislative or municipal body are to decide upon such question, and not the electors of the person whose election may be contested.

Secondly. I do protest against said decision, because, as the said Dr. John R. Rhinelander did take his seat in the State Society, and did enter into the discussions of said Society at its session of 1831 by virtue of credentials and instructions provided him by this County Society as its legally authorized Delegate, and it is therefore manifest that the functions of said office were performed by and with the consent and direction of this Society, and a special understanding by the State Society that such performance of duty was legal and authorized.

Thirdly. I do protest against such decision, because, whenever in any legislative body, municipal and corporate body constituted by the votes of a majority, the seat of any person elected by such majority is contested, such contestation must be made in writing to said body previous to such persons being sworn into office, or before he has voted on any subject affecting the interests of his own constituents or general welfare of the people. Inasmuch as in the present case such protest was not made to the State Society (as a member of which the said John R. Rhinelander was elected) previous to his being permitted to take a seat in said State Society and acting as the accredited Delegate of this Society, nor has such protest yet been made to that body; therefore it is maintained that notwithstanding any decision made by this County Society, the said Dr. John R. Rhinelander must be considered as the true and only Delegate to the State Society for the whole time for which he was originally elected.

Fourthly. I do protest against said decision, inasmuch as it is adduced as the sole argument in opposition to the validity of the election of the said John R. Rhinelander, that by virtue of a By-Law of this Society existing at the time of the election in July, 1830, he was ineligible to office because he had been absent for four successive meetings of the Society without giving a satisfactory excuse for such absence, although at the same Anniversary Meeting the said By-Law was expunged from the constitutional code of this Society.

This article of protest is based, however, upon precedent. In the instance under consideration, the Society had neglected to offer to said John R. Rhinelander its accustomed courtesy of asking whenever thought advisable a satisfactory excuse for absence, whereby the said Dr. J. R. Rhinelander was induced to believe that the offering such excuse unasked for would have been gratuitous and unnecessary. Facts will be recurred to. At the annual election in the year 182– notice was, for the first time, taken of the said By-Law, and at this time, for particular purposes, a special resolution was passed to do away with the effect of said enactment for the time being. In the year 1828 nothing was observed in relation to said By-Law. In 182–, after the election, an excuse was required of certain persons elected to office, the Secretary addressing a note to such persons, and where such excuse was satisfactory it was accepted accordingly. In 1830 the persons who were elected were without any requirement of excuse suffered to take their seats in Comitia Minora, and all their acts were accepted as legal by the Society. They examined candidates for the licentiate of medicine, reported on the credentials of physicians, and performed other official matters of importance. They were therefore placed in the same situation as officers of 182– (and with the exception of 182–) of all previous years, and thus the precedent is established.

Inasmuch therefore as the said By-Law was suffered to remain as *dead letter*, and was in no case acted upon except on the two occasions above specified and under the circumstances there stated, and inasmuch as from the foregoing facts such refusal or neglect of this Society to act upon its By-Laws was a tacit acknowledgment of the validity of the election of every person chosen to office, although such persons may have been absent from certain meetings, and as such acknowledgment was made more decisive by the continued accrediting of the official acts of such persons; therefore it is contended that any argument based upon such By-Law, and under such circumstances above mentioned, ought not to have any weight at this time (13 months after the election and accrediting), even if it were conceded that this County Society had any authority in the case under consideration.

Finally. I do protest against the said decision inasmuch as it is giving to Dr. Daniel Dayton an official distinction which it was the intention of the majority that he should possess, for at the election in July, 1830, at which there were — members present, it was officially promulgated that Dr. John R. Rhinelander had received thirty-nine votes, and that the said Dr. D. Dayton had received twenty-one votes. It is therefore assuming a decision contrary to the wishes of the members then voting which

cannot be valid, inasmuch as it is giving to a minority the unheard of privilege of electing a candidate in opposition to the will of the majority—a decision at variance with every principle of democratic election, and in direct contradiction of the letter and spirit of our political constitution.

(Signed) JOHN JAS. GRAVES.

Dated, NEW YORK, August 18th, 1831.

Correct copy.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Sept. 19th, 1831. (Special Meeting.) 98 members present.

Present—The President, Drs. B. Bailey, Judson, J. H. Bailey, Osborn, Lobstein, Bradshaw, Stillwell, Barker, Knapp, McCaffray, Miller, Ritter, Bedford, Gram, Avery, Carter, Maclay, Ruton, Degray, Baxter, Piatt, J. Aug. Smith, Leo Wolf, Forrester, Bowron, Macneven, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Hardenbrook, Pitts, Gilman, D. Rodgers, J. H. Rogers, C. C. Blatchly, Robson, Churchill, J. Wright, F. U. Johnston, Sam'l Ackerly, R. Vermeule, Post, Gray, Sloan, Deffinbough, Throckmorton, J. M. Smith, Purdy, Comstock, Hibbard, Cleeve, Nichols, Randolph, Edwards, H. Sweeny, Rhinelander, A. L. Anderson, Ireland, Linsly, Upson, Leeds, W. Anderson, Janeway, Jas. O. Smith, Pollard, Briggs, Dering, Cornell, Z. H. Harris, Dayton, Beck, Cock, Griswold, Pascalis, Macauley, Cadwallader, Graves, Sherman, A. E. Hosack, Weed, Geo. Ackerley, Rockwell, Marvin, Kissam, Herriot, D. L. Rogers, Hallock, F. Vermeule, Jaques, Tomlinson, Reese, Stearns, Berry, Coit, M. Stephenson, J. K. Rodgers, Conger, Walsh.

An extract from the minutes of the last meeting, embracing the report of the Committee on the best means of Advancing Medical Science, was read by the Secretary.

The following gentlemen were declared to be members of this Society, they having produced satisfactory documents to the Comitia Minora, viz.: Gunning S. Bedford, M.D., Edgar F. Peck, A.M., J. Hallett Borrowe, M.D., and Peter Pratt, M.D.

The President protested at length against the admission of J. Hallett Borrowe, M.D., as as a member of this Society, by reason of his having received his degree from Geneva College.

The report of the Committee on Advancing Medical Science was then taken up, when

On motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. Pascalis, it was

Resolved, That, whereas, the members of this Society are entitled by law to receive and educate students, and, whereas, students are bound by law to complete with some physician and surgeon duly authorized to practise his profession the legal term of medical study of four years; and, whereas, this Society is further authorized by law to examine students in medicine and surgery, and to award them diplomas, which shall be licences to practice; therefore

Resolved, That a School of Medicine be formed forthwith by this Society for the education of students of medicine and surgery in common.

Ayes—Drs. B. Bailey, Judson, J. H. Bailey, Osborn, Lobstein, Knapp, MacCaffray, Miller, Ritter, Bedford, Gram, Maclay, Ruton, De Gray, Baxter, Piatt, Leo Wolf, Macneven, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Pitts, Hardenbrook, D. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, Blatchly, Robson, Churchill, J. Wright, Samuel Ackerly, R. Vermeule, Gray, Sloan, Deffinbough, Throckmorton, Comstock, Hibbard, Nichols, Cleeve, Edwards, Rhinelander, W. Anderson, J. O. Smith, Pollard, Briggs, Z. H. Harris, Dayton, Pascalis, Macauley, Graves, Sherman, A. E. Hosack, G. Ackerley, Marvin, Kissam, Herriot, D. L. Rogers, Hallock, F. Vermeule, Janeway, Walsh—60.

Noes—Drs. Bradshaw, Stillwell, Barker, Avery, Carter, J. A. Smith, Forrester, Bowron, Gilman, F. U. Johnston, Post, J. M. Smith, Purdy, Randolph, H. Sweeny, A. L. Anderson, Ireland, Linsly, Upson, Leeds, Dering, Cornell, Beck, Cock, Griswold, Cadwallader, Rockwell, Weed—28.

The following resolutions were carried *nem. con.*:

Resolved, That those members of the Society who see fit to deliver specific courses of instruction in medicine and surgery, make known their intentions before the last day of September.

Resolved, That a committee of arrangement be elected by ballot, which shall provide a suitable location (at the expense of the lecturers) for the exercises of the School of Medicine, receive the notifications of the different Professors, convene them for arranging in concert the details of their respective duties, and report for the concurrence of this Society.

Resolved, That the members of this Society be requested to make an early return to the committee of arrangement of the names of their students whom they will send to attend the lectures in the School of this Society.

Resolved, That the School of Medicine of the Medical Society go into operation on Tuesday, the first of November next.

Dr. John F. Gray offered the following preambles and resolulutions as a substitute for the next resolution of the report of the Committee on Advancing Medical Science:

Whereas, The law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State makes the vote of the Board of Censors decisive on the admission of candidates, and requires the same to be delivered in writing; and

Whereas, The present mode of examining the candidate before the Society after he has passed the Board of Censors is not plenary and satisfactory, and is not required by law; therefore,

1stly. *Resolved*, That the examinations before the Board of Censors shall be sole and conclusive in all cases.

2ndly. *Resolved*, That the Board of Censors alone shall vote on the admission of candidates.

3rdly. *Resolved*, That the Board of Censors be required to hold all examinations hereafter in public, and to keep a detailed account thereof, embracing the words of the questions and answers in books appropriated to that use, and entitled "protocols of examinations," which protocols shall always be open for inspection.

4thly. *Resolved*, That the Board of Censors be further instructed to write their respective votes at the foot of the protocol of each examination.

Dr. Gray's preambles and resolutions being duly accepted, were received as a substitute by the Society, but were laid over until the next meeting.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Sept. 23rd, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Gram, Ireland, Maclay, Barker, Baxter, Piatt, Tomlinson, Dunnell, J. Wright, Pascalis, Gray, Hibbard, Carter, Bowron, Milledoler, Cleeve, Leo Wolf, Dayton,

J. H. Rogers, Wilson, Hardenbrook, D. L. Rogers, Macneven, McCaffray, Pollard, Bedford, Hallock, Comstock, Deffinbough, Post, J. Aug. Smith, J. M. Smith, Sloan, Knapp, Dering, Linsly, Bradshaw, Avery, Reese, Briggs, Edwards, D. Rogers, Ritter, J. O. Smith, Downs, Berry, Kissam, Z. H. Harris, Purdy, Judson, Pitts, Janeway, Griswold, Stearns, W. Nelson, J. Sweeny, Hoffman, Leeds, H. Sweeny, Frink, Robson, Cornell, A. E. Hosack, Delafield, Nichols, Macauley, Forrester, Rockwell, Walsh—70.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and laid over to the next meeting.

The preambles and resolutions offered to the Society at its last meeting by John F. Gray, M.D., as a substitute for part of the report of the Committee on Advancing Medical Science, were brought forward for adoption.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Macneven, that the substitute be laid on the table, much discussion took place, when Dr. Hibbard moved to take the previous question; this being put and carried, the debate was closed, and on the motion for laying on the table being put, it was carried, 31 to 30,

Ayes—Drs. Maclay, Baxter, Piatt, J. Wright, J. H. Rogers, Wilson, Hardenbrook, D. L. Rogers, Macneven, McCaffray, Pollard, Bedford, Comstock, Deffinbough, Sloan, Reese, Briggs, D. Rogers, J. O. Smith, Ritter, Kissam, Judson, Pitts, Stearns, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Robson, Frink, A. E. Hosack, Nichols, Macauley—31.

Noes—Drs. Gram, Ireland, Barker, Dunnell, Pascalis, Gray, Hibbard, Carter, Bowron, Milledoler, Cleeve, Leo Wolf, Dayton, Hallock, Post, J. A. Smith, Dering, Linsly, J. M. Smith, Bradshaw, Z. H. Harris, Purdy, Janeway, Griswold, H. Sweeny, Leeds, Cornell, Delafield, Forrester, Walsh—30.

Dr. Rockwell came in when the ayes and noes were being called and claimed his vote. The President decided that as Dr. Rockwell was not present when the question was put, he could have no vote. Dr. Rockwell protested against the President's decision.

The Society went into an election for the Committee of Arrangement of the School of Medicine, the following gentlemen were elected, viz.: Drs. Macneven, Stearns, Milledoler, Pascalis,

Gram, Sam'l Ackerly, McIntosh, Robson, Maclay, Piatt, D. Rogers, Jas. Wright.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, seconded by Dr. Macneven, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five, including the President of the Society, be appointed to make arrangements as to time, place, &c., for the delivery of a eulogy of the life and character of the late Samuel Latham Mitchill, M.D., to be pronounced by Felix Pascalis, M.D., according to the appointment of the Medical Society.

Drs. Macneven, Stearns, S. Ackerly and Milledoler were appointed.

Dr. Baxter related to the Society the distressed situation of an unfortunate medical gentleman who was oppressed by poverty, and in the last stage of a fatal disease. On motion of Dr. Cleeve, Drs. Dayton and Baxter were appointed to take up a collection from the members present and forward it immediately. Sixteen dollars were collected.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Oct. 6th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Pascalis, Macneven, Baxter, Cleeve, Lobstein, H. Sweeny, Ritter, Maclay, Bowron, Z. H. Harris, Judson, Nelson, Cornell, McComb, Sloan, J. Miller, Pollard, J. Wright, Leo Wolf, Blatchly, Stearns, Dering, Gram, Bedford, J. H. Rogers, Comstock, D. L. Rogers, Pitts, Piatt, Forrester, Gray, A. E. Hosack, Upson, Nichols, Milledoler, F. U. Johnston, Dayton, Janeway, Wilson, Reese, Coit, Walsh—43.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements of the School of Medicine was read, and accepted.

The committee offered the following resolution, which, being seconded, was carried in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the Medical Society appoint the Committee of Arrangement a *Faculty of Medicine* in connection with the Lecturers, whose duty it shall be from time to time to receive the notifications of such persons as may hereafter see fit to lecture in the School of Medicine, and report the same to this Society,

make arrangements accordingly, and have a superintending power over every department of the said School of Medicine, and that their term of office expire at the next anniversary.

On motion—

Resolved, That some member be elected to deliver an address at the opening of the session on the first of November.

Dr. Wm. Jas. Macneven was elected.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolutions in place of the substitute offered at the last meeting, which having been duly seconded, were carried in the affirmative:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Censors be required to hold all examinations in the public hall of the Society, with open doors, and that the questions and answers be recorded in a book appropriated to that use.

2. *Resolved*, That the votes of the Censors be written at the foot of each examination.

3. *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Censors entitles the candidate to the diploma.

On motion of Dr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Macneven, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five, including the President, be appointed to correspond with the societies of the different States in the Union as well as with the different county medical societies of this State, on the subject of examination *pro licentia*, and to report the result of their correspondence to this Society.

Drs. Gray, Gram, Macneven, Pascalis and the President were appointed.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make out a proper circular for the School of Medicine for immediate publication.

Drs. Stearns, Macneven and Ackerley were appointed.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements made Oct. 6th, 1831.

The Committee of Arrangement appointed to provide a suitable location for the exercises of the New York School of Medicine, and also to arrange, in concert with the different Professors the details of their respective duties, respectfully report:

That they have received notifications from those Professors

who propose to deliver lectures, and have adopted the following arrangement relative to their respective duties:

DAVID L. ROGERS, M.D., will lecture on the Principles and Practice of Surgery six times a week.

WILLIAM JAS. MACNEVEN, M.D., will lecture on the Theory and Practice of Medicine six times a week.

JOHN BAXTER, M.D., will lecture on Anatomy and Physiology six times a week.

GUNNING S. BEDFORD, M.D., will lecture on Obstetrics and Diseases of Puerperal Women six times a week.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, M.D., will lecture on Anatomical Science six times a week.

BENJAMIN BAILEY, M.D., will deliver a lecture on the Diseases of Children three times a week.

JAMES H. ROGERS, M.D., will lecture on Materia Medica and Therapeutics four times a week.

WM. GRAYSON, M.D., will lecture on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children three times a week.

DAVID M. REESE, M.D., will lecture on Chemistry.

WILLIAM H. ELLET, M.D., will lecture on Chemistry.

ALEXANDER E. HOSACK, M.D., will lecture on Surgery.

The committee further report that this School be hereafter denominated the New York School of Medicine, and that each session continue four months, commencing on the first day of November in each year, and if the first day of the month be Sunday, then on the next day, and that each Professor be required to furnish to the Medical Society a list of such students as may attend his lectures.

The committee have not been able to obtain a suitable location for the different Professors. They have conferred with the proprietors of Rutgers Medical College, but not having received their unanimous consent for the use of that building, they have deemed it most advisible for each Professor to provide his own apartments for lecturing, if the committee are unable to procure a suitable location for the School of Medicine by the first day of November.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN STEARNS, *Chairman.*
ROBERT H. MACLAY, *Secretary.*

Correct copy.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Oct. 10th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Pascalis, Macneven, Wilson,

Graves, Baxter, Gray, Bedford, J. Wright, Lobstein, Leo Wolf, J. H. Rogers, Kirby, Judson, Deffinbough, A. E. Hosack, Cornell, Cadwallader, C. C. Blatchly, A. L. Anderson, Milledoler, D. L. Rogers, Piatt, Reese, H. Sweeny, Walsh.

The minutes of the last four meetings were read and approved.

The following gentlemen were declared to be members by the Comitia Minora, viz.: Stephen R. Kirby, William H. Ellet, M.D., John Miller, M.D., and William Channing, M.D.

The President protested from the chair against the admission of J. Hallett Borrowe, M.D., Wm. Channing, M.D., and Wm. H. Ellet, M.D., by reason of their having received their degrees from the Trustees of Geneva College.

Dr. Macneven replied at length to the protest of the President, and contended that the protest was out of order, inasmuch as the President had no right or authority to protest in his official capacity against the acts of the Comitia Minora, when those acts were in conformity to the privileges vested in them by the Society.

On motion of Dr. Reese, the protest of the President was referred to a committee of five, to report at the next meeting.

Drs. Pascalis, Reese, Bedford, Baxter and C. C. Blatchly were appointed that committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the names of those gentlemen who have given in their intentions to lecture in the School of Medicine, be submitted *separately* to the acceptance of this Society, and that in all future cases the Lecturers will be passed upon by the Society.

Joseph Leo Wolf, M.D., announced his intention of lecturing upon diseases of the eye, with exercises in the operation, the lectures to be delivered three times a week.

Dr. Macneven, chairman of the committee appointed to draft a circular for the School of Medicine, reported the form of one, which was accepted, the term Lecturer being substituted for that of Professor.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers, the names of the Lecturers were added to the circular.

The following gentlemen were sanctioned by the Society as Lecturers in the School of Medicine, viz.:

WM. JAS. MACNEVEN, M.D., on the Principles and Practice of Physic.

DAVID L. ROGERS, M.D., on the Principles and Practice of Surgery.

GUNNING S. BEDFORD, M.D., on Obstetrics and Diseases of Puerperal Women.

JAMES H. ROGERS, M.D., on Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

WM. GRAYSON, M.D., on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children.

ALEXANDER E. HOSACK, M.D., on the principles and Practice of Surgery.

JOHN BAXTER, M.D., on Anatomy and Physiology.

DAVID M. REESE, M.D., on Chemistry.

JOSEPH LEO WOLF, M.D., on Diseases of the Eye.

WILLIAM H. ELLET, M.D., on Chemistry.

BENJ'N BAILEY, M.D., on the Diseases of Children.

On motion of Dr. Piatt, the vote of the Society constituting a Faculty of Medicine was reconsidered, and repealed.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rodgers, the business of the original committee of arrangement was referred to the Comitia Minora.

On motion of Dr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the paper of Dr. Lobstein on a new remedy in Phthisis, be discharged, and that Dr. Lobstein be requested to read the paper at the next meeting.

The committee of correspondence on the subject of examination *pro licentia* had leave to sit again.

The Finance Committee asked instruction on the subject of the *notes* in the hands of the late Treasurer. No order was taken on this subject by the Society.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Oct. 22nd, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Pascalis, Milledoler, Cleeve, J.

Wright, J. Sweeny, Nelson, Dunnell, Wilson, J. H. Bailey, Davies, Hibbard, Baxter, Bedford, Ritter, Janeway, Kirby, Judson, Carter, Lobstein, Z. H. Harris, Maclay, Nichols, Churchill, McIntosh, D. L. Rodgers, Avery, Comstock, Post, Linsly, Bowron, Bradshaw, J. M. Smith, Griswold, Pitts, Leo Wolf, Pollard, Cameron, Cornell, Berry, Macneven, Gray, B. Bailey, Graham, Reese, J. H. Rogers, Rockwell, Sam'l Ackerly, Walsh —49.

On motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. Milledoler, it was

Resolved, That the eulogy pronounced by Dr. Pascalis upon the life and character of the late Samuel Latham Mitchell, M.D., be published by this Society.

Drs. Milledoler, Ackerly and Avery were appointed a committee to superintend the publication.

JAMES M. PENDELTON, M.D., having duly announced himself, was sanctioned by the Society as a Lecturer on Obstetrics, and the Diseases of Women and Children.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, it was—

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the City and County of New York view the secret medical *Kappa Lambda* Society of of this city as attempting to evade the Code of Medical Ethics, and do give it their decided and unqualified censure, considering all members of this Society combining in any such association as unworthy of the protection of our excellent Code of Ethics.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell the above resolution was laid over, to be acted upon if necessary at some future meeting.

Dr. Milledoler, from the Committee on the subject of the Secret Medical Society, read a full and detailed expose of the causes that led the Medical Society to investigate the subject of the existence and tendency of that association, which, on motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. Ackerly, was ordered to be published, together with the report, in one or more of the daily papers, at the discretion of the committee.

On motion of Dr. J. H. Bailey, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the School of Medicine be under the supervizance of the Medical Society *as a body*, and that the resolution passed at the last meeting placing it under the supervizance of the Comitia Minora be repealed.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Sec'y.*

Oct. 29th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Gray, Dunnell, Bedford, J. Wright, Pollard, Milledoler, Cleeve, McIntosh, Wilson, Baxter, McClay, Kirby, Berry, Nelson, Z. H. Harris, De Angelis, Lobstein, Judson, Gram, McComb, Moneypenny, Ritter, Comstock, Churchill, Pascalis, S. Ackerly, Sloan, J. H. Rogers, Dayton, Ellet, Tomlinson, J. H. Bailey, Nichols, B. Bailey, Bradshaw, Leo Wolf, Walsh.

On motion of Dr. Bedford, seconded by Dr. Baxter, the opening of the School of Medicine was postponed until Monday, Nov. 7th.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, M.D., was sanctioned by the Society as a Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That in future no person be admitted as a Lecturer unless he previously intimates his intention to the Society by a written note.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting be held on Monday, Nov. 7th, at nine o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of attending the opening of the School of Medicine.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to sign the circulars of the Society on the subject of examinations for license.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretay.*

Nov. 7th, 1831. (Special informal Meeting.)

The School of Medicine was opened by an address from the President, after which Dr. Macnevin, supported by the officers of the Society, delivered a highly interesting introductory address, which was most favorably received by a very numerous and respectable audience. 66 medical students matriculated during 8 days.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Nov. 14th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Stillwell, Cleeve,

Lobstein, Dayton, Stearns, J. H. Bailey, Throckmorton, J. H. Rogers, A. E. Hosack, Baxter, Kirby, Wright, A. Sandham, G. Sandham, Judson, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Comstock, McIntosh, D. L. Rogers, Pascalis, Bradshaw, Bowron, Ritter, Walsh.

The minutes of the last four meetings were read and accepted.

Dr. Lobstein read a dissertation on the use of the Phellandrium Aquaticum in Diseases of the Lungs, which was referred to the Comitia Minora.

Dr. Judson read a paper on Phrenology, to be concluded at the next meeting.

Dr. Macneven offered the following resolution, which being seconded by Dr. Bailey, was carried in the affirmative, viz.:

Resolved, That application be made to the Legislature of this State at its ensuing session for an act to extend the right of this Society to hold real estate from one thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars, and that the Secretary be hereby directed to give the necessary notice of the same in the newspapers.

The President announced to the Society that the following gentlemen had been admitted members of the Society by the Comitia Minora, viz.: Alexander F. Vache, M.D., Peter Dykers, M.D., Geo. A. Sandham, M.D., Andrew A. Sandham, M.D., Benjamin Marshall, Geo. P. Cammann, M.D., Robert Leggett, M.D., S. W. Kellogg, M.D., Nathan S. Jarvis, M.D.

On motion of Dr. J. H. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, it was—

Resolved, That the President be directed to sign the certificates of those graduates of Geneva College who have been admitted members of this Society.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Nov. 28th, 1831. (Special Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. D. L. Rogers, J. H. Bailey, Dunnell, Maclay, Macneven, Hibbard, Cleeves, Bowron, Baxter, Dayton, Lobstein, Edwards, J. H. Rogers, J. Wright, Milledoler, Clark, Gray, A. Sandham, G. Sandham, Comstock, Kirby, Pollard, J. Sweeny, B. Bailey, Nichols, Hardenbrook, Leo Wolf,

Nelson, Lake, Leeds, Bradshaw, McIntosh, Pascalis, Piatt, Bedford, Wilson, Judson, Walsh.

On motion of Dr. J. H. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, that the Vice-President be directed to sign the certificates of those graduates of Geneva College who have been admitted members of this Society, the Society went into a committee of the whole, the Vice-President, Dr. D. L. Rogers, in the chair.

The President contended that he could not legally sign the certificates, although directed to do so by the Society, and objected to the Vice-President's signing them, for the reason that the Vice-President cannot act unless in the absence or death of the President, and in support of his own objections read again his protest.

Dr. Macneven replied at length, and urged that the President had no authority to refuse his signature to any document when directed to sign it by the Society, and contended that the Vice-President had full power to act when the President refused to perform his duties as laid down in the By-Laws.

Much discussion arose in which Drs. Milledoler, Bailey, Dun nell, Gray, Hibbard, Bowron and McIntosh took part.

The previous question being called for and put, the debate was closed, the committee rose, and the President took the chair. The votes being taken on the original question, it was negative. Ayes 17—nays 20.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was—

Resolved, That the President be empowered to institute proceedings against some one or more of those gentlemen who have been duly notified to join this Society, and have not complied, according to law.

On motion of Dr. Wilson, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature on the subject of increasing the powers of the Medical Society in order to the Society's holding property, and that they report said memorial to this Society at its next meeting.

Drs. Wilson, Milledoler, Gram, Gray and Maclay were appointed that committee.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Dec. 12th, 1831. (Stated Meeting.)

Present—The President, Drs. D. L. Rogers, Pascalis, Macneven, J. H. Rogers, Dunnell, Nichols, Berry, Hibbard, A. E. Hosack, Cleeve, Baxter, Dayton, Gray, Barker, Clark, Maclay, Hardenbrook, Wilson, Kirby, Gram, Kellogg, A. Sandham, Throckmorton, Bedford, G. Sandham, McComb, Forrester, Marshall, David Hosack, Pollard, Deffinbough, Judson, Bowron, Reese, Bradshaw, Nelson, Wright, Pitts, Edwards, J. Sweeny, Channing, Rockwell, Stearns, Lobstein, B. Bailey, Walsh.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read by the Secretary.

Dr. Bowron objected to the acceptance of the minutes in consequence of the names of the members who voted at the last meeting on Dr. Bailey's motion not having been recorded by the Secretary when the ayes and nays were taken. Dr. Bowron offered the fellowing resolution in correction of the minutes, which having been seconded, was lost:

Resolved, That the names of the Drs. Sandham be stricken from the minutes of the last meeting.

Ayes—Drs. Pitts, Nelson, Bowron, Bradshaw, J. Wright, Marshall, Maclay, Judson.

Noes—Drs. D. Hosack, Pascalis, Macneven, D. L. Rogers, Dunnell, Nichols, J. H. Rogers, Berry, Hibbard, A. E. Hosack, Stearns, Cleeve, Baxter, Dayton, Clark, Wilson, Kirby, Gram, Kellogg, Throckmorton, A. Sandham, Pollard, Deffinbough, G. Sandham, Lobstein, Channing, J. Sweeny, Edwards, B. Bailey, Bedford, Walsh.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, it was—

Resolved, That the Drs. Sandham be allowed to speak.

Dr. Dunnell stated that it was not the intention of his resolution that the Drs. Sandham should speak *per gratiam*.

The minutes of the two last meetings were then approved.

John Dominick Counsell, Jethro W. Woodward and John Lawrence Milledoler having pursued their medical studies in the manner and for the term directed by law, and having given satisfactory proofs to the Censors of this Society of their proficiency by a public and recorded examination, were licensed to practice physic and surgery.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to instruct the Delegate.

Dr. Gray moved that the President be one of that committee. Carried.

Drs. D. L. Rogers, Gray, Maclay, Milledoler and Wilson were appointed.

On motion of Dr. Gram, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed to appoint an assistant to aid him in the duties of his office.

Resolved, That a salary of forty dollars a year be given to the janitor for attendance upon the Society.

On motion of Dr. Wright, it was—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive from the late Treasurer those notes from members which become due during his present Treasurership, and to use his best exertions and discretion to collect them.

Daniel E. Stearns, M.D., of the University of Vermont, was announced as having been admitted a member of this Society.

The following resolution, which was passed at a Special Meeting of this Society on the 22nd of October last, and laid over for further consideration, was called up by Dr. Dunnell to be again acted upon, viz.:

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the City and County of New York view the secret medical *Kappa Lambda* Society of this city as attempting to evade the code of Medical Ethics, and do give it their decided and unqualified censure, considering all members of this Society combining in any such association as unworthy of the protection of our excellent code of Ethics.

Dr. Dunnell moved the following resolutions in addition, which being seconded by Dr. Pascalis, were carried unanimously, viz.:

Whereas, It appears from authentic documents that Drs. Thomas Cock, Alexander H. Stephens, John C. Cheesman, Francis U. Johnston, Stephen Brown, Ansel W. Ives, Dudley Atkins, Benj'n McVickar, Josiah Dwight Harris, Peter C. Tappen, John Kearney Rodgers, Martyn Paine, Marinus Willett, James L. Phelps, Stephen Hasbrouck, John Conger, Samuel W. Moore, John W. Weed, Albert Smith, Gilbert Smith, Joseph M. Smith, Daniel W. Kissam, Junior, Richard K. Hoffman, James

C. Bliss, Nichol H. Dering, John Torrey, Isaac Wood, J. Bowron, Jared Linsly are members of a Society called *Kappa Lambda*, which imposes upon its members obligations of secrecy, and requires them to assist each other in their professional practice, and to defend and sustain their respective characters, although it may be prejudicial to the characters of other individuals, and in direct opposition to the honor and interest of the profession; and

Whereas, Their professional conduct has for some years past been highly dishonorable in its character, derogatory to the profession, in direct violation of our excellent Code of Ethics, and in many instances oppressive and injurious to the community, and although a statement of these facts has been repeatedly published by the Medical Society, they have never attempted to refute it, but still persist in their disgraceful and unprofessional course of practice under the banners of their Secret Society; therefore

Resolved, That the above named physicians, and all others who are members of said *Kappa Lambda* Society, shall be considered as excluded from the protection of the Code of Ethics of this Society, and from consultations with its members.

Resolved, That if they do not on or before the second Monday in January next, 1832, publish a dissolution of the *Kappa Lambda* Society, and give to the Medical Society a satisfactory pledge that they will no longer continue to associate under a sanction so dishonorable to the profession, that a legal prosecution will be instituted against them pursuant to Section 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of Title VII, Chapter XIV of the Revised Statutes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary to the *Kappa Lambda* Society.

The report from the committee on the subject of memorializing the Legislature in regard to increasing the powers of this Society so as to hold real estate to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, was read and accepted.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Report of the Committee on the subject of a Memorial to the Legislature.

Your committee appointed on the subject of a Memorial to the Legislature for increasing the property of this Society to the amount of capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, report that

they have maturely considered the subject reported to them, and that they are desirous that the same may be transferred from them to another committee of the Society, namely, to the Comitia Minora, to whom all subjects of the memorial to the Legislature are by previous resolution generally committed. The committee however observe that, in their opinion, it would not be right, on increasing the capital of the Society, that any member of the Society should be compelled to hold or own any share of the contemplated capital, and that provision should be made to hinder any member from owning more than one share, or if such provisions cannot be effected, then that it be provided that the holding of any share or shares should not give the holder any privilege whatsoever. The committee also considered it necessary and of importance to the interests of the Society that no shares in the capital of the Society be owned by persons who are not members of the Society. Furthermore, the committee deem it their duty respectfully to observe, that the present capital of the Society does not allow it to own a hall and other rooms and furniture suitable for its meetings, but that at present the Society are able to hire a place for its meetings, and defray the necessary expenses of stationery, lights, servant hire, and the like; the funds for these purposes accruing from fees paid by candidates for license, by adjoining members, and by assessments, are at present very moderate, but must be necessarily increased if the Society should own a suitable building for its meetings, should fit up a library, and increase the stock of philosophical instruments, &c.

The necessary increase of the fees and assessments cannot be fully determined, but their amount must be sufficient in addition to expenses for stationery, &c., to pay the interest of the capital invested in the building, &c., contemplated to be purchased, and to pay the necessary repairs of the building and the unavoidably additional hire of servants. Thus, if the building should cost $16,000, it would require the sum of $960 yearly to pay the interest at 6 per cent. The salary of a librarian and other servants may be placed at $400, and if in addition to these sums there be $200 allowed for stationery and doorkeepers, the whole sum to be raised yearly will amount to $1,840; a part of this may be paid by the rents of some of the rooms of the building, but this will be only a minor part of the sum required. The income of the Society for the last year has been $300, and taking this sum as the yearly average income, and placing 300 dollars as the sum raised from renting a part of the building, it will still be necessary for covering the $1,840 to assess upon the members a yearly tax of $1,240.

Your committee cannot leave the subject without expressing

the hope that the day may come when the Society will be endowed with a sufficient capital.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the committee.

(Signed) A. D. WILSON, *Chairman.*
JOHN F. GRAY.
ROBERT H. MACLEAN.
H. B. GRAM.

Correct copy.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Recording Secretary.*

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society, Monday, January 9th, 1832.

The President in the chair.

The Secretary being absent, S. R. Kirby was chosen Secretary *pro. tem.*

Present—Drs. Hibbard, Dunnell, J. H. Rogers, Heston, Dayton, J. Wright, Bedford, Channing, A. E. Hosack, Wilson, Clark, Bradshaw, Blois, Comstock, H. Sweeny, Stearns, J. H. Bailey, Atkins, Caruthers, W. Nelson, Avery, Hardenbrook, Pitts, McComb, Reese, Throckmorton, Gram, Stephenson, Carter, B. Bailey, Pascalis, Phelps, Marshall, Baxter, Bowron, Judson, Rockwell Baldwin, Deffinbough, A. Sandham, F. U. Johnston, Linsly, Gray, Randolph, A. L. Anderson, Leeds, Upson, H. Baylies, Willett, Cleeve, D. L. Rogers, Macneven, Simpson, G. Sandham, McIntosh, McCaffrey, Pollard, Rhinelander, Piatt, Albert Smith, Cornell, Berry, Graham, Briggs, Weed, Walsh, Kirby—69.

The death of Dr. James M. Pendleton was announced to the Society, whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Medical Society has heard with sincere and deep regret the death of their late fellow member, Dr. James M. Pendleton, therefore

Resolved, That as a mark of their high esteem for the character of the deceased, the members will in a body attend his funeral.

Resolved, That the members be requested to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That Dr. Gunning Bedford be appointed to deliver an eulogium upon the character of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Medical Society, through their President, present their condolence to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That these resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary, and published.

Jethro W. Woodward, Licentiate of this Society, was declared to be a member.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Recording Secretary stated that in accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting, he had appointed Dr. S. R. Kirby the Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Hibbard called for a reconsideration of the motion of Dr. Bowron, offered at the last meeting, viz:

Resolved, That the names of the Drs. Sandham be stricken from the minutes of the last meeting.

Ayes—Hibbard, Marshall, Atkins, Pitt, Bowron, Heston, Caruthers, Judson, McComb, Rockwell, J. Wright, Nelson, Baldwin, McIntosh, Reese, Avery, F. U. Johnston, Rhinelander, Linsly, Gray, Randolph, Cornell, Hardenbrook, Piatt, Albert Smith, Bradshaw, Carter, A. L. Anderson, Berry, Blois, Leeds, Upson, H. Sweeny, A. Baylies, Weed, Phelps and Willitt—37.

Noes—J. H. Bailey, Cleeve, Dunnell, Baxter, D. L. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, MacNeven, Simpson, Dayton, G. Sandham, Bedford, Deffinbough, McCaffrey, A. Sandham, Pollard, Channing, Throckmorton, A. E. Hosack, Wilson, Gram, Clark, Stephenson, Graham, Comstock, B. Bailey, Briggs, Pascalis, Stearns, Walsh and Kirby—30.

After some discussion the question was taken and *lost*.

Dr. Gray proposed the following resolution, which was passed, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with powers, having the assistance of the Counsel of the Society, to institute a feigned issue before some sufficient legal tribunal, to ascertain what documents entitle an individual to membership in this Society.

The President announced the above committee to consist of Drs. Gray, Wilson and Rockwell.

Dr. D. L. Rogers, from the Committee on Instructions to the Delegate, reported.

On motion of Dr. Bedford—

Resolved, That the Society go into a committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on Instruction to the Delegate.

The Society accordingly went into committee of the whole, Dr. Stearns in the chair.

After the committee had arisen and the President had taken the chair, Dr. Stearns, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported that the committee had under consideration the report of the Committee of Instructions to the Delegate, and that they had passed each section of the report, had amended the preamble by striking out the names of "D. Dayton, L. M." The Society did not act on the report of the Committee of the Whole, and the report was not accepted.

On motion of Dr. Cleeve, seconded by Dr. Cleeve—

Resolved, That in future no person shall receive or pay out any monies belonging to the Society unless it be the Treasurer for the time being, or some person specially appointed by him for that purpose.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS. W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

S. R. KIRBY, *Ass't Secretary.*

Special Meeting, January 12th, 1832.

Present—The Vice-President, Dr. D. L. Rogers, in the chair; Drs. Macneven, Wilson, B. Bailey, Deffinbough, Gram, J. H. Bailey, Pollard, Dunnell, Pascalis, Lobstein, Nichols, A. Sandham, J. H. Rogers, Cleeve, Peck, Lake, McCaffrey, Simpson, Kirby, P. F. Clark, G. Sandham, Parkin, McComb, Halsey, Comstock, Baxter, Bedford, Dayton, Rhinelander, Gray, Hardenbrook, Heston, Linsly, Nelson, Bowron, Bradshaw, J. Wright, Pitts, A. L. Anderson, Gilman, Hibbard, Carter, Maclay, Marshall, Caruthers, Cheesman, Forester, Walsh.

The Secretary reported that the Comitia Minora had again examined the credentials of Mr. McCurly, Licentiate in Surgery from Glasgow, and that they found them insufficient to entitle him to become a member of this Society.

Dr. Wilson, chairman of the committee to draft a memorial to

the Legislature on the subject of alteration in the medical law, reported the form of one which, after having been amended, was accepted and referred back to the original committee for correction.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on the College of Pharmacy and to concert with them the best means of promoting a reform in the business of apothocaries.

Drs. J. Wright, Cleeve, Dunnell, Wilson and G. Sandham were appointed.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS. W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Special Meeting, January 23rd, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Van Arsdale, Pennell, Kuypers, Gram, D. L. Rogers, Williams, Macneven, Bedford, A. Sandham, Lobstein, Kirby, G. Sandham, Caruthers, Heston, Davies, J. Sweeny, Blois, Maclay, Marshall, Wilson, Hibbard, F. U. Johnston, Nichols, Rhinelander, Bowron, Pitts, Bradshaw, Linsly, Comstock, Hardenbrook, A. L. Anderson, Nelson, Gray, W. Anderson, Albert Smith, Dering, Dunnell, Cleeve, Power, J. H. Rogers, Edwards, Halsey, Forrester, Cheesman, Leeds, Cornell, Pascalis, A. E. Hosack, McCaffrey, Pollard, Gilman, Ray, J. H. Bailey, Leo Wolf, Rockwell, Baxter, Coit, Phelps, Piatt, J. Wright, H. Sweeny, Carter, Weed, Judson, Walsh.

The President read a communication from eleven members requiring that a special meeting be called for the purpose of investigating the truth of a report that the Comitia Minora had sent a petition to the Legislature which was unauthorized by this Society.

The Society went into a committee of the whole, Dr. Macneven in the chair.

On motion of Dr. Gram, it was—

Resolved, That the minutes of the last meeting of the Comitia Minora be read.

Whereupon the minutes of the Comitia Minora were read by

the Secretary; it appearing that a petition had been sent up to the Legislature by that body which had not passed this Society, it was

On motion of Dr. Bowron—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora had transcended their powers.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, it was—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be discharged from the consideration of all subjects connected with the proposed alterations in the medical law, and from all subjects hitherto referred to them by resolutions of the Society, and that henceforward their duties be confined to those matters only which are pointed out by the statutes and By-Laws of this Society, and the special resolutions directing them to hold public and recorded examinations.

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed with power to take such measures as may be thought necessary to promote the objects petitioned for in the memorial to the Legislature authorized by this Society.

The question being taken, the committee rose.

On motion of Dr. Piatt, the vote of this Society passed at its Anniversary Meeting in August last, constituting Dr. Dayton Delegate to the State Medical Society, was reconsidered and lost.

On motion—

Resolved, That the name of Dr. Rhinelander be inserted in the instructions to the Delegate, and that they be given to Dr. Rhinelander forthwith.

A committee of five members from the College of Pharmacy presented a draught of a law for the regulation of apothecaries, and requested that this Society would officially address a memorial to the Legislature on the same subject; whereupon Dr. Lucius S. Comstock was appointed by the President to perform that duty.

The President appointed the Com. of nine as follows, viz.: Drs. Rockwell, Gray, J. H. Bailey, Maclay, Gram, Wilson, Halsey, J. Wright and J. Leo Wolf.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS. W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Stated Meeting, February 13th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Stillwell, Bedford, A. E. Hosack, Pitt, Gram, Halsey, J. H. Rogers, McCaffry, D. L. Rogers, Simpson, Dunnell, Cleeve, Pascalis, Carter, Hibbard, Rockwell, Marshall, Ritter, Pitts, Bowron, J. Wright, Kirby, Judson, A. Sandham, W. Anderson, Leeds, Caruthers, G. Sandham, Wilson, Throckmorton, Comstock, Churchill, Maclay, H. Sweeny, Baxter, Gilman, Brinckerhoff, Linsly, Upson, Nichols, McComb, Stephenson, Forrester, Channing, Borrowe, Briggs, Berry, A. L. Anderson, Graham, Walsh.

The minutes of the last three meetings were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that the Censors had examined Livingston Roe, and found him qualified to practice physic and surgery, whereupon the President addressed the candidate and conferred the diploma of the Society upon him.

Dr. Wright enquired whether the Comitia Minora had any further report to make.

The Secretary stated that the Comitia Minora had not authorized him to make any other report than the one already named.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a certified abstract from the minutes of the last meeting of the Comitia Minora of all the proceedings of that body had in the case of Dr. Bushe.

Drs. Dunnell and Wilson spoke against the resolution, and urged that as the proceedings of the late meeting of the Comitia Minora had not as yet been acted upon by that body, there could be no regular minutes, but that as yet they remained the expressions of the Secretary only. The question being taken the resolution was carried, whereupon the Secretary furnished the following extract from the unapproved minutes of the Comitia Minora, viz.: "The credentials of Dr. Bushe were presented by himself, but owing to the boisterous conduct of Dr. Bushe the Comitia Minora adjourned before acting upon them."

On motion of Dr. William Anderson, the Society went into a committee of the whole for the purpose of investigating the circumstances.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Macneven state to the Society the circumstances that transpired at the last meeting of the Comitia Minora in relation to Dr. Bushe.

Dr. Macneven then went into a statement of the circumstances as he recollected them.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Bushe be requested to relate the circumstances.

Dr. Bushe narrated the occurrences as he recollected them.

The Vice-President, Dr. D. L. Rogers, explained fully the whole transactions as they occurred at that meeting, and was fully sustained by the concurrence of the other members present on that occasion.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto, it was—

Resolved, That the Comitia Minora be requested to hold a special meeting to examine the credentials of Dr. Bushe, and if they should be found satisfactory, that he be admitted a member of this Society.

The committee rose and reported through their chairman, Dr. Rockwell, and the President took the chair.

Resolved, That the Society do adjourn for ten minutes.

The Society adjourned and the Comitia Minora retired. The ten minutes having elapsed the Society was called to order, and the Comitia Minora reported that they had approved of the documents of Geo. Bushe, M.D., of the University of Edinburgh, and member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, and also that the Secretary had withdrawn from the minutes the words considered obnoxious by Dr. Bushe. The report of the Comitia Minora was accepted, and Dr. Bushe was admitted a member.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the eulogium on the late James M. Pendleton, M.D., be pronounced before this Society by Gunning S. Bedford, M.D., be published, and that 500 copies be printed.

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to superintend the publication.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Wilson, Bowron and Comstock.

On motion of Dr. Comstock, it was—

Resolved, That each member be hereby earnestly requested to refrain from expressing his approbation or disapprobation of proceedings by hissing, stamping or shuffling.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Special Meeting, March 8th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Bedford, McIntosh, Maclay, Ritter, J. Sweeny, McComb, D. L. Rogers, Ray, Wilson, J. H. Bailey, A. Sandham, Campbell, Gram, Dunnell, Piatt, Hardenbrook, Hibbard, Caruthers, J. H. Rogers, G. Sandham, Baxter, Leeds, Judson, Bowron, Nelson, Marshall, Gray, Bushe, Wright, Cleeve, Pitts, Macneven, G. Ackerley, F. U. Johnston, Comstock, Rhinelander, Nichols, Bradshaw, Simpson, Heston, Berry, Kirby, Randolph, Edwards, Stephenson, Walsh.

Dr. Rhinelander stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of establishing a Vaccine institution.

Dr. Piatt offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a Vaccine institution be established under the approbation and sanction of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York.

Dr. Dunnell offered as a substitute, that a Lock Hospital be established under the sanction of this Society for the treatment of all delicate diseases. The question being taken, the substitute was lost.

Dr. Gray offered, as an amendment, the words "independently of the State Medical Society," which, after some discussion, was carried.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers, the whole resolution was referred to a committee of eleven members, to report at the next regular meeting of the Society.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the committee consist of eleven members, and that the President be one of them.

The following gentlemen were appointed said committee, viz.: Drs. Rhinelander, D. L. Rogers, Piatt, Maclay, Hibbard, Bowron, Wright, Hardenbrook, Macneven, Piexotto and Walsh.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Sec.*

Stated Meeting, March 12th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Bushe, Ritter, D. L. Rogers, Piatt, Stillwell, J. H. Rogers, Hibbard, Maclay, Carruthers, Dunnell, Bradshaw, Nelson, Pitts, Bowron, Wright, Leeds, Gray, B. Bailey, J. H. Bailey, Ray, A. Sandham, G. Sandham, Leo Wolf, Kirby, J. Sweeny, Churchill, J. A. Anderson, Judson, Herriot, Upson, McComb, Channing, Counsell, Bedford, Comstock, Leggett, Nichols, Tomlinson, Cleeve, Power, Deffinbough, McCaffry, Rafferty, J. Miller, Harris, Brinckerhoff, Randolph, Blois, Rockwell, H. Sweeny, Pollard, Simpson, Berry, Hallock, Leveridge, Clark, Williams, Dayton, Gram, Lake, Hardenbrook, Stephenson, Bernhisel and Walsh—65.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

William Murphy, Darling B. Whitney, Geo. W. Leech, Chas. A. Van Zandt, Charles McCaffry and Warren Van Meule having been publicly examined by the Censors, were recommended to the Society for the diploma of license. The President conferred the diplomas, and addressed the candidates in a highly eloquent and impressive discourse.

The Comitia Minora reported that the following gentlemen had been admitted members of the Society, viz.: William E. Stillwell, M.D., University of New York. Franklin Ransom, M.D., University of New York. John M. Bernhisel, M.D., University of Pennsylvania. John D. Ogden, M.D., Rutgers College, New Jersey. John Dunham, State Medical Society, New Jersey. John Dominick Counsell, Medical Society City and Co. New York. Wooster Beach, Columbia Co. Medical Society.

On motion of Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That the examination fee of ten dollars be remitted to Charles A. Van Zandt and Gunning S. Bedford, Graduates of Geneva College, and Licentiates of this Society.

On motion of Dr. J. H. Bailey, it was—

Resolved, That the examination fee be remitted to any or all other graduates of Geneva College applying for the license of this Society.

Dr. Bowron read a letter from Mr. McCurley, Master of Surgery, from Glasgow, appealing from the decision of the Comitia Minora. The case was referred to the committee on feigned issues.

On motion of Dr. Maclay, it was—

Resolved, That the Society go into an election for a Censor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Dr. Lewis Belden.

Whereupon the President appointed Dr. Stephenson and Hardenbrook tellers. The ballots having been taken, the tellers reported that 61 votes had been received—that Dr. H. B. Gram had received 32, Dr. John F. Gray 28, and Dr. William Hibbard 1, and that Dr. Gram was duly elected Censor.

The Bill of the Janitor of the Society was presented, and referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

On motion of Dr. Maclay, seconded by Dr. Gray, the following preambles and resolutions in relation to the State Medical Society were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The State Medical Society which, by the provisions of its charter, should be a full representation of the medical profession of this State, does not assemble more than one quarter of its legal number, and therefore is not a just or equitable representation of the profession; and

Whereas, That body by all its acts for several years has demonstrated its adherence to an illiberal system of policy totally at variance with the interest of the medical profession of New York; and

Whereas, The State Medical Society by refusing to sustain the reform recently proposed by the unanimous vote of the physicians of this city, with reference alone to the mode of examining candidates in medicine and licensing foreign applicants with the sole view of protecting the community from the most gross impostures, and by anticipating the unanimous prayer of the medical profession of New York on this subject in the Legislature, with the obvious intention of suppressing all enquiry into the merits of that petition; has manifested its hostility to the *honor*, *independence* and *usefulness* of the medical profession, its

fearless contempt of republican feeling, and its entire disregard of all measures which have a direct and salutary bearing on the public health; therefore

Resolved, That this Society disapproves of the interference of the State Medical Society in opposing its memorial to the Legislature.

Resolved, That we deem the connexion between this County Society and the State Medical Society highly injurious to the interests and subversive of the rights of the medical profession in this city and county.

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed to report at a subsequent meeting such measures as may be deemed necessary for dissolving the connexion according to law.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the President be added to that committee.

The following gentlemen were appointed said committee, namely, Drs. Maclay, Dunnell, Gray, Nelson, H. Sweeny, Berry, Pitts, Hallock, Kirby and Piexotto.

Resolved, That these resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary, and published in the daily papers of this city and in the *Albany Argus*.

The Delegate reported that he had, on consultation with Dr. Milledoler, thought proper to withhold his instructions from the State Medical Society.

Drs. Dunnell and Dayton objected to the report of Dr. Rhinelander, and contended that it was illegal inasmuch as Dr. Rhinelander had not signed the By-Laws, and was therefore not a member of this Society. The report of Dr. Rhinelander was accepted.

The President retired and the Vice-President took the chair.

Dr. Gray, chairman of the committee of 9, made a report, stating that said committee had sent an agent to Albany, and had caused circulars to be printed, at an expense of $50 to the Society.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, seconded by Dr. McCaffry, it was—

Resolved, That the report lie upon the table until the second Monday in July next ensuing.

Two motions for adjournment were lost.

A. McEagan presented through a member certain documents which were referred to the Board of Censors.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Bailey, it was—

Resolved, That the committee of nine had transcended their powers in sending a Delegate to Albany without consulting this Society.

And further, it was—

Resolved, That said committee be immediately discharged.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secr'y*.

Special Meeting, March 18th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Berry, Comstock, Kirby, Wilson, Gram, Dunnell, Ritter, McComb, Ray, Deffinbough, Power, J. H. Bailey, Pollard, Baxter, Lobstein, Ransom, Rafferty, Nichols, B. Bailey, Simpson, Throckmorton, Hibbard, Bedford, Channing, Wright, Bowron, Cameron, Nelson, A. Sandham, Baylies, W. Anderson, Blois, Maclay, Piatt, Gray, Heston, Bradshaw, Pitts, G. Sandham, D. E. Stearns, J. Sweeny, Harris, McCaffry, Carter, Leeds, Judson, Hasbrouck, Bushe, A. L. Anderson, D. L. Rogers, Linsly, J. H. Rogers and Walsh.

The President decided that the meeting was legal, as 3 days notice was given.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the book of minutes be sent for at the expense of the Society.

Dr. Hibbard offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the resolution that the Secretary offered at the last meeting in relation to the com. of nine be hereby rescinded.

Dr. Macneven moved as an amendment, that the resolutions in regard to the Comitia Minora passed on the 23rd day of January last, be rescinded.

These motions having been duly seconded, the question was taken, and the amendment was carried. Ayes 33—nays 17.

Ayes—Drs. Macneven, Kirby, Berry, Comstock, Wilson, Gram, Dunnell, Ritter, Ray, Deffinbough, Power, J. H. Bailey, Pollard, Baxter, Lobstein, Ransom, Rafferty, Nichols, B. Bailey, Simpson, Throckmorton, Channing, Cameron, A. Sandham, W. Anderson, Heston, G. Sandham, McCaffry, Judson, D. L. Rogers and Walsh.

Nays—Drs. Hibbard, Bedford, Bowron, Wright, Nelson, Baylies, Blois, Maclay, Piatt, Gray, Bradshaw, Pitts, J. Sweeny, Carter, Leeds, A. L. Anderson and Linsly.

The question having been taken on the whole motion as amended, it was carried. Ayes 40—nays 6. Drs. Wright, Nelson, Maclay, Pitts, Sweeny and Linsly.

On motion of Dr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Ritter, the resolution laying the report of the committee of nine on the table was reconsidered, and the report was accepted, and the expenses of Dr. Gray were ordered to be paid by the Society.

On motion of Dr. Bowron, it was—

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Society be held on Thursday, the 22nd of March.

On motion of Dr. Maclay, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That 500 copies of the address delivered by the President of this Society to the graduates be published for the use of the members.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Special Meeting, March 22nd, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Dunnell, Macneven, Gram, J. H. Bailey, Lobstein, Pollard, B. Bailey, D. L. Rogers, Rafferty, Simpson, J. H. Rogers, Deffinbough, A. Sandham, Dunham, Ray, Nicholls, Berry, W. Anderson, Comstock, Ritter, Churchill, Throckmorton, Murphy, Channing, Woodward, Pascalis, Gray Hibbard, Wright, Pitts, Nelson, Bradshaw, Heston, Counsell, G. Sandham, Bedford, Stephenson, Maclay, Upson, Blois, Judson, McComb, J. Sweeny, Carruthers, Ransom, Wilson, Stearns,

Rhinelander, Leo Wolf, Edwards, C. Wright, Borrowe, H. Sweeny, Coit, Walsh.

Dr. Dunnell stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of sending a remonstrance to the Legislature against the memorial of the Comitia Minora of the State Medical Society in relation to the bill brought in by Dr. Milledoler.

Dr. Gram submitted to the Society a remonstrance, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That the remonstrance be forwarded to Dr. Milledoler immediately, signed by the President and Secretary.

On motion of Dr. Macneven, seconded by Dr. D. L. Rogers, it was—

Resolved, That this Society highly approves of the conduct of Dr. Milledoler, and of the zeal with which he has supported in the Legislature the interests of medical science generally, and of the great majority of the profession in this city in particular.

Resolved, That the above resolution be published in the daily papers of this city, and that a copy be forwarded to Dr. Milledoler.

On motion of Dr. Comstock, seconded by Dr. Cleeve, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Milledoler be requested to add the following section to his bill, viz.: That the students shall produce satisfactory evidence of having attended two full courses of lectures given by any legal members of the profession in the following branches, viz., Anatomy, Theory and Practice of Physic, Surgery, Midwifery, Materia Medica, Chemistry and Botany.

Resolved, That the above resolution be forwarded to Dr. Milledoler, with discretionary powers.

Resolved, That this Society approves of the whole bill as introduced by Dr. Milledoler.

The Comitia Minora reported that the following gentlemen had been admitted members of this Society, viz.: James Stewart, M.D., of the University of New York. Theodore L. Mason, M.D., of the University of New York. Charles McCaffry, Licentiate of this Society. William Murphy, Licentiate of this Society.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secr'y.*

Regular Meeting, April 9th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Macneven, Gram, Dunnell, Stearns, Channing, Lobstein, D. L. Rogers, Gray, Bedford, Cleeve, Comstock, J. H. Rogers, McCaffry, Berry, Cameron, Baxter, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Deffinbough, Murphy, McComb, W. E. Stillwell, Mason, Post, Dunham, Bernhisel, C. McCaffry, Coit, Cornell, Rockwell, Hibbard, B. R. Kissam, Judson, Ray, Bowron, Upson, Pollard, G. Sandham, Macauley, Rafferty, Leo Wolf, Stephenson, Hallock, Kirby, Walsh.

The minutes of the last three meetings were read and approved.

The following gentlemen having been recommended by the Censors for the license of this Society, the diplomas were conferred by the President, viz.: Samuel L. Griswold, Isaac B. Craft, William Usher, Philip P. Ruckel, Robert Leggett, Geo. A. Sandham, J. Hallett Borrowe, Geo. P. Cammann and Hiram Draper.

The President announced to the Society the death of two members since the last meeting, viz., Drs. Charles E. Drake and Lewis Belden; whereupon,

On motion of Dr. Bowron—

Resolved, That the President be requested to deliver an eulogium on the lives and characters of the deceased at the next regular meeting.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, it was—

Resolved, That no member shall be allowed to move a reconsideration of any resolution unless he shall give notice of such intended reconsideration at the meeting when such resolution is passed, to be acted upon at the regular meeting next ensuing.

The committee on feigned issues made a report which was accepted, and the committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Meteorological Committee reported progress.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, it was—

Resolved, That the Library Committee be authorized to enquire into the existing laws of license in this country and Europe.

Dr. Cleeve presented the Secretary with a bill, which was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Dr. Comstock, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure from the Counsel of this Society a written opinion on the subject of claims to membership.

Drs. Gray, Rockwell and Wilson were appointed.

On motion of Dr. Nelson, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to inspect the records of examination and report whether the Censors have faithfully and impartially examined the candidates.

Drs. Nelson, Hibbard, Pitts, Piatt and Gray were appointed.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to procure a copy of the medical laws of the different States of the Union, and of the different countries in Europe as regards the license to practice medicine, for the use of this Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to publish a list of the members of this Society according to law.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Regular Meeting, May 14th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Milledoler, Stearns, Bedford, Piatt, Marshall, D. L. Rogers, Hibbard, Wright, Gram, Dunnell, Cleeve, Maclay, Macneven, Gray, McComb, H. Sweeny, Bernhisel, J. Sweeny, Ray, G. Sandham, W. E. Stillwell, Carruthers, Edwards, D. Green, J. Miller, B. Bailey, Counsell, Deffinbough, Rafferty, Murphy, McCaffry, Churchill, Upson, C. McCaffry, Judson, Baxter, Channing, Comstock, De Angelis, Pitts, Throckmorton, Wilson, Pollard, Leggett, D. E. Stearns, J. H. Bailey, Roe, Nichols, Berry, Kirby, A. Sandham, Leeds, Bradshaw, Walsh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Censors having recommended William Browne, Abijah Ingraham, Jas. Barry, Wm. Channing, Samuel W. Kellogg and

Jacob I. Gilford for the license of the Society, the diplomas were conferred by the President, with an appropriate address.

The following gentlemen were admitted members of this Society, viz.: Stephen C. Roe, M.D., John Collett, M.D., University of New York. Tobias Purinton, M.D., Bowdoin College, Maine. Robert Leggett, M.D., and Licentiate of this Society. Sam'l L. Griswold, M.D., and Licentiate of this Society. Angelus Binaghi, M.D., University of Pavia. Israel Green, of Ulster Co. Medical Society. Hartshorne Gregory, Kings Co. Medical Society. Hiram Draper, Licentiate of this Society. Marinus H. Van Dyke, Orleans Co. Med. Society. Isaac Beers, Connecticut Med. Society.

Dr. Stearns, Chairman of the Library Committee, made a report, which was accepted, and ordered on file.

On motion of Dr. J. Wright, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish the Chairman of the Library Committee with a list of the books formerly belonging to the Society.

Dr. Nelson, from the committee on the protocols of examination, made a report in full, which was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Nelson, it was—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be returned to the Censors and Secretary for the faithful discharge of their arduous duties.

The Treasurer reported an abstract from his books for the information of the Society.

The President reported that he had notified *one hundred and twenty* persons practising within the county who were not members of the Society according to law, and that he had employed a person to deliver the notices personally at the rate of twenty-cents each.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the above bill.

Dr. Baxter, Chairman of the Meteorological Committee, made a highly interesting report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Claims to Membership made a report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

On motion of Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the By-Laws, and report at the next Anniversary Meeting.

Drs. Gray, Hibbard, Throckmorton, Maclay and Channing were appointed said committee.

Drs. Gram and Piatt were, on motion, added to the committee.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Special Meeting, May 25th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Gram, D. L. Rogers, Stearns, Macneven, A. E. Hosack, Ward, Gray, J. H. Bailey, A. Sandham, Bedford, Simpson, J. H. Rogers, McCaffry, Wilson, Cornell, J. Wright, Hibbard, Judson, Maclay, Pitts, Marshall, Piatt, Bushe, Edwards, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Heston, Leeds, Bowron, G. A. Sandham, Ray, Kirby, Channing, Comstock, Painter, Milledoler, Ransom, McComb, W. E. Stillwell, D. E. Stearns, B. Bailey, Duvall, Bradshaw, Walsh.

Amos Gerald Hull having been recommended by the Censors for the license of the Society, was appropriately addressed by the President, and received the diploma of license.

On motion of Dr. Gram, seconded by Dr. Wilson, it was—

Resolved, That this Society would see with much pleasure and approbation the revival of the Medical Faculty of Columbia College on principles embracing those improvements in medical education which render the present state of medicine so flourishing in Europe, but above all on a principle which would render the examination of candidates for medical degrees a real test of merit by making it public, and by recording the questions and answers in a protocol to which recourse might be had at any time according to the mode now pursued in this Medical Society. But this Society will not approve of any medical faculty not recognizing the public and recorded examination as the only test for the qualifications of candidates for license to practice medicine and surgery.

Ayes—Drs. Gram, D. L. Rogers, J. Stearns, Macneven, A. E. Hosack, Ward, Bailey, Gray, A. Sandham, Bedford, J. H. Rogers, Simpson, McCaffry, Wilson, Edwards, Hibbard, G.

Sandham, Ray, Kirby, Channing, Comstock, Painter, Milledoler, Ransom, B. Bailey, Walsh—26.

Noes—Drs. Cornell, Wright, Judson, Maclay, Pitts, Nelson, J. Sweeny, Leeds, Bowron, Bradshaw.

Dr. Pitts protested against the resolution, and gave notice that he would move a reconsideration at the next meeting.

On motion of Dr. Gram, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to call on the President of Columbia College and communicate the above resolution.

Dr. Jas. Wright offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That we will oppose all applications to the Legislature for an alteration of the present medical law unless said application be founded on the principle of extending medical studies to four years, and in all cases including two full courses of lectures similar to those taught in the incorporated colleges of this State, which shall be necessary to entitle the student to an examination for license.

Dr. Gram moved to reject the resolution, and while speaking on the subject gave way to a motion for adjournment.

The Society adjourned, Dr. Gram on the floor.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Regular Meeting, June 11th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. D. L. Rogers, Cleeve, Stearns, Macneven, Channing, Gray, A. E. Hosack, Milledoler, Pollard, Maclay, Nelson, Throckmorton, McIntosh, McComb, Marshall, Henry, Baxter, Judson, Cameron, Blois, Leggett, A. Sandham, Piatt, J. Sweeny, J. S. Milledoler, Barker, Murphy, Duvall, Rafferty, Holden, McCaffry, J. H. Bailey, Comstock, C. McCaffry, Cornell, J. H. Rogers, Kirby, A. C. Post, Mason, Leeds, Bedford and Walsh.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

Thomas W. Henry, M.D., of the University of New York, and President of Kings Co. Medical Society, was admitted a member *ad eundum*.

The following members were admitted members of the Society, viz.: Livingston Roe, Licentiate of this Society. A.

Gerald Hall, Licentiate of this Society. Wm. Usher, M.D., of Geneva College, and Licentiate of this Society. Thos. Ward, of Geneva College, and Licentiate of State Medical Society of New Jersey. Charles A. Lee, M.D., of Williams College, Mass. Alexander Robertson, Licentiate of State Medical Society of N. Jersey. Geo. Wilkes, M.D., University of N. York. Robert J. Turnbull, M.D., University of Charleston, S. C. Henry Van Hovenburgh, Licentiate of Dutchess Co. Med. Soc. Henry D. Neal, of Apothecaries Hall, London. Edward Bleecker, of State Medical Society, N. Y. Lewis Post, of Essex Co. Med. Society, N. Y. George W. Leech, Licentiate of this Society. Orville Brooks, M.D., of Harvard University. Benj'n Drake, M.D., University of New York. John L. Milledoler, Licentiate of this Society.

Dr. Wright objected to the admission of Dr. Neal into this Society by reason of Dr. N's having obtained his authority from the Apothecaries Hall, London.

On motion of Dr. D. L. Rogers, it was, after much discussion—

Resolved, That the documents of Dr. Neal be referred back to the Comitia Minora.

James T. Gibert and John W. Ansley having been recommended by the Censors, were licensed to practice physic and surgery.

The President read a communication from the Comitia Minora of the State Medical Society on the subject of *quackery*.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, the above communication was laid on the table.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the committee appointed to advise means to separate the Society from the State Medical Society be directed to report at the Stated Meeting in August next.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the further consideration of the motion offered by Dr. Wright at the last meeting be postponed till the Stated Meeting in August next.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Special Meeting, June 15th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Stearns, A. E. Hosack, Cleeve, Channing, Stephenson, Gram, Gray, Wilson, Churchill, Milledoler, Browne, Dunnell, Counsell, Maclay, Bowron, Bedford, Holden, Wright, Nelson, Judson, Pitts, McComb, L. Roe, Cornell, A. C. Post, J. H. Rogers, Macneven, Piatt, D. L. Rogers, D. E. Stearns, A. Sandham, J. Sweeny, Pollard, G. Sandham, Bradshaw, Woodward, Kuypers, Berry, Leeds, Francis and Walsh.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, it was—

Resolved, That a comm. of five be appointed to report to this Society a memorial to be presented to the Legislature of this State at it next session, on subjects connected with medical reform, and to correspond with the different medical societies in this State.

Drs. Milledoler, Gram, Maclay, Gray and Macneven were appointed.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the President be added to the committee.

On motion of Dr. Stearns, seconded by Dr. Milledoler, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the character of the Cholera which has since 1817 pervaded the Eastern Continent, and to ascertain the most efficient measures that may be adopted to prevent its introduction into our own country, and in case it should make its appearance among us, to determine by what means its prevalence may be arrested and the violence of its symptoms mitigated, and that they report thereon with all convenient speed.

On motion of Dr. Nelson—

Resolved, That the committee consist of 15, including the President.

The gentlemen constituting this committee, viz.: Drs. Peixotto, Bedford, Jos. Bailey, Ackerly, Stearns, Milledoler, De Kay, Bowron, J. M. Smith, Onderdonk, Maclay, Piatt, Mott, Beck, Walsh.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Special Meeting, June 26th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Onderdonk, Cock, Bedford, Bowron, Piatt, Painter, Cox, Hibbard, Throckmorton, Linsly, Wright, Counsell, Bradshaw, Lawrence, Judson, Baxter, Carruthers, Judson, Drake, Dunnell, Purinton, Pollard, Power, G. Sandham, Murphy, Brinckerhoff, Comstock, Neal, Hall, Nelson, Gray, Herroit, Sheldon, Jas. O. Smith, Pitts, Blois, Gibert Smith, Albert Smith, Rockwell, Gray, Blois, J. Sweeny, D. L. Rogers, Channing, Palmer, C. A. Lee, Churchill, Clark, Nichols, Avery, B. Bailey, J. H. Bailey, D. W. Kissam, Maclay, McCaffry, Upson, Woodward, Perry, Berry, D. E. Stearns, Graham, Cockcroft, Ackerly, McIntosh, Lewis, Post, Bushe, Brush, Stearns, Hickock, L. Roe, A. Sandham, Clark, Wright, J. Green, D. Green, Walsh.

Dr. Jas. Wright stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee on Cholera.

The President read a report in part of the proceedings of said committee, together with the report of the sub-committee, on the Prophylaxis and treatment.

Dr. Dunnell moved that the report of the committee lie on the table, which having been seconded by Dr. D. L. Rogers, was lost by a very large majority voting against it.

On motion of Dr. Hibbard, it was—

Resolved, That the report and documents as read this day to the Society be recommitted to the committee for their subsequent deliberation, and that thus far the acts of the committee and the reports of the sub-committees meet the entire approbation of this Society.

On motion of Dr. Cox, it was—

Resolved, That the committee investigating the Cholera be authorized to publish the reports which have been approved this day.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, it was—

Resolved, That the committee be requested not to publish any further reports until they be sanctioned by this Society.

On motion of Dr. Hibbard, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five from each ward be appointed as an executive committee for the ward in which the members reside, with power to increase their number to one in each square to superintend prophylactic measures, to serve as

physicians in case the disease should appear, and to report to the Board of Health and to the Medical Society the condition of their respective wards.

On motion of Dr. Sherman, it was—

Resolved, That the committee be appointed by the President.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That when we do adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Friday next.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Adjourned Meeting, June 29th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. G. A. Cooper, Macneven, Conger, Baxter, Baylies, Comstock, Maclay, Onderdonk, McComb, Coit, A. C. Post, Henry, J. H. Rogers, Binaghi, C. A. Lee, Bowron, Stewart, Woodward, Piatt, Covel, Sherman, D. L. Rogers, Painter, Lord, Carter, Dunnell, Gram, Wilson, Cleeve, Wright, Marshall, J. Sweeny, Buckham, Neal, J. H. Bailey, Belden, Berry, Graham, Nichols, Deffinbough, McCaffry, Churchill, Hibbard, H. Sweeny, Channing, Counsell, Randolph, Gray, Carruthers, Power, Avery, Leo Wolf, Nelson, Holden, Hull, C. McCaffry, Upson, A. Sandham, Blois, D. E. Stearns, Sheldon, Hickock, Green, Campbell, Edwards, Linsly, Brinckerhoff, Drake, Murphy, J. O. Smith, Duvall, Leveridge, Collett, L. Post, Palmer, Gregory, W. E. Stillwell, Halsey, J. Miller and Walsh—82.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President announced the names of the executive Cholera Committee for the different wards.

Dr. D. L. Rogers moved to lay the names of the committees on the table.

The President refused to put the motion, inasmuch as that he considered it out of order, and stated the committees had already organized and formed themselves into a Cholera Association.

Dr. D. L. Rogers moved that the committees be dissolved, which motion having been seconded by Dr. Blois, was lost.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Anniversary Meeting, July 9th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Barker, Reese, Knapp, Lobstein, Holden, Campbell, Bedford, Kellogg, Perry, De Angelis, A. Sandham, Comstock, Stillwell, Henry, Craft, Schmidt, Gilman, Piatt, Collett, Palmer, Cheesman, Stephenson, J. A. Smith, J. M. Smith, D. E. Stearns, Beck, Heston, Carruthers, Griswold, Powers, Phelps, Maclay, Bernhisel, Wilkes, Wilson, Covel, Cromwell, Borrowe, L. Post, Deffinbough, Nichols, Robson, Baxter, J. H. Bailey, Pollard, Dering, Tappen, Churchill, Neal, McCaffry, Ransom, Post, B. Bailey, H. Sweeny, D. Green, Throckmorton, McEwen, J. A. Anderson, Geo. Ackerly, Cleeve, Graham, Beach, Counsell, A. Smith, Jessup, Berry, McIntosh, Sterling, Rockwell, Milledoler, Judson, Blois, Cockcroft, Blois, Harsen, J. Wright, Cox, Kirby, Leveridge, Gram, Wright, Hallock, J. H. Rogers, Simpson, Painter, G. Sandham, Downs, Sheldon, Bushe, Carter, Francis, Bradshaw, Bowron, Coley, Robertson, J. Miller, Edwards, A. E. Hosack, Harral, Browne, Pitts, Channing, Harris, Leeds, D. L. Rogers, Coit, Power, Willett, B. R. Kissam, Leo Wolf, Gibert, W. Nelson, A. L. Anderson, Bronson, J. Sweeny, Woodward and Walsh.

The minutes of the four last meetings were read and approved.

The minutes of the Comitia Minora of the last year were read.

Dr. Rhinelander invited the Society to visit the Cholera Hospital under his charge in Crosby street.

The next business in order being the election of officers for the ensuing year, the President appointed Drs. Dering, Tappen and Coley as Inspectors of Election. The Society then went into an election. The votes having been canvassed, the Inspectors declared that the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz.:

DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO, M.D., *President*, 67.
JOHN W. FRANCIS, M.D., *Vice-President*, 43.
SAMUEL ACKERLY, M.D., *Cor. Secretary*, 69.
FRANCIS W. WALSH, M.D., *Rec. Secretary*, 47.
CHARLES CLEEVE, M.D., *Treasurer*, 85.

JOHN STEARNS, M.D., 49,
ABR'M D. WILSON, M.D., 48,
WILLIAM F. PIATT, M.D., 47,
JOHN S. BOWRON, M.D., 47,
ALFRED C. POST, M.D., 46,
} *Censors.*

Dr. Wilson protested against the election of Dr. Post as Censor by reason of an alleged informality in the vote of a member. Referred to a committee consisting of Drs. Hibbard, Painter, A. Smith, Green, McIntosh, Covel and Bradshaw.

On motion—

Resolved, That when we do adjourn, we adjourn to meet again on the 16th of July.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Piatt, Wright, Hibbard, Robson, J. A. Anderson.

ON DISEASES.—Post, Judson, Carruthers, Cox, Avery.

INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.—Perry, Hosack, Z. Harris, Bowron, Rockwell.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Stearns, Hoffman, Milledoler, Walsh, B. Bailey.

METEOROLOGICAL COMMITTEE.—Baxter, Forrester, Pascalis, M. Stephenson, McVickar.

Ward Committees as before.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Adjourned Meeting, July 16th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Hibbard, Bowron, McCaffry, Vought, Pitts, Holden, Counsell, Baxter, Maclay, Rafferty, A. Sandham, W. Anderson, G. A. Cooper and Walsh.

The business of the Anniversary was postponed for the present.

Dr. Hibbard presented a bill for printing the names of the Cholera Ward Committees, $5.50, which was passed.

A letter was received from Dr. John Stearns resigning the office of Censor, which resignation was accepted.

Dr. Pitts offered a resolution that the Society should proceed to elect a Censor in the place of Dr. Stearns, which being seconded by Dr. Bowron, was lost.

Dr. McCaffry presented a bill from the Secretary for extra services and expenses, which was passed unanimously.

The committee on the subject of Dr. Williams' protest, reported that Dr. Post was duly elected a Censor of the Society; the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Wm. Anderson, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the bodies of persons dead of the Cholera, and to report on the post-mortem appearances.

Drs. Wm. Anderson, A. C. Post, J. Stewart, and De Peye were appointed.

Xavier Tessiere, M.D., of Quebec, was proposed as an honorary member by the President.

Alonzo Rockwell, M.D., of Connecticut, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Walsh.

Jeptha B. Munn, M.D., of New Jersey, was proposed as an honorary member by Dr. Pitts.

On motion—

Resolved, That that we adjourn to July 23rd, at 4 P. M.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

July 23rd, 1832. No meeting, there not being a quorum present.

August 13th, 1832. Regular time of meeting, no person present.

Regular Meeting, September 10th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Piatt, Bedford, Pitts, Gram, Gray, Cleve, D. L. Rogers, Purinton, J. H. Rogers, Painter, Neal, Channing, Hendry, Hallock, J. O. Smith, J. Sweeny, Sheldon, Caruthers, Pollard, Palmer, Deffinbough, B. R. Kissam, Throckmorton, McCaffry, Sandham, J. Leo Wolf, Upson, Ruckel, Kirby, Barker, Counsell.

The Secretary being absent, Dr. Jas. O. Smith was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion—

Resolved, That in consequence of the excitement from Cholera having prevented the business of the Adjourned Anniversary Meeting from being transacted, this be considered in part an Adjourned Anniversary Meeting.

Dr. Gray, Chairman of the Committee on the By-Laws, reported certain alterations, which were adopted.

The following gentlemen were nominated as honorary members, viz.: John Sing Darcy, M.D., Vice-Pres'dt Med. Soc. New Jersey, by Dr. Piatt. Dr. C. O'Kelley, Surgeon in the British Navy, by Dr. McCaffry. R. Dunglison, M.D., of Virginia, by Dr. Caruthers. Prof. Hecker and Dr. Heyfelder, by Dr. Leo Wolf. S. Hahneman, by Dr. Gray.

The Society went into an election for a Censor in the place of Dr. Stearns, resigned, when John F. Gray, M.D., was elected.

The President having announced the death of Jno. Onderdonk, M.D., a former President of this Society, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the City and County of New York entertain a high sense of the eminent virtues and usefulness of the late John Onderdonk, M.D., one of the original members of this Society, and for several years its President.

Resolved, That the members of this Society be requested to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of Dr. Onderdonk, and published in the papers.

Dr. Leo Wolf presented a volume on Cholera, from Dr. Heyfelder, for which the thanks of the Society were returned.

The Lecturers of the School of Medicine were authorized to organize.

Adjourned.

(Signed) J. O. SMITH, *Sec. pro tem.*

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Special Meeting, September 21st, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Wm. Anderson, Sheldon, Stewart, Pitts, Frink, Caruthers, Baxter, D. L. Rogers, Gray, Bedford, J. H. Rogers, Kirby, Hull, G. Sandham, L. Roe, Power,

Sweeny, Jarvis, McCaffry, Judson, J. Sweeny, A. Sandham, Leggett, Leo Wolf, Piatt, Forrester, Pollard, Deffinbough, Reese, Comstock, Walsh.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to draw a memorial to the next Legislature praying that the Medical Society of the County of New York be directed to examine all future applicants for ordinary membership in the manner now prescribed by the By-Laws of the Society with reference to candidates for license; and that the Society be empowered to refuse membership to such applicants as, upon examination, shall be found unqualified from ignorance or gross immorality to practice the art of healing.

On motion, the question of the expediency of adopting the above resolution was referred to a committee of three.

The President appointed Drs. J. H. Rogers, Caruthers and Jarvis.

Dr. Gray moved to nominate the committee from the floor.

Drs. Gray, Bedford and Baxter were finally appointed the committee.

Dr. Gray proposed himself as Lecturer on the Theory and Practice of Physic, and was admitted.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Regular Meeting, Oct. 8th, 1832.

Present—Drs. J. Stearns, Leech, Maclay, Cleve, McCaffry, Wright, Stephenson, Rogers, Leo Wolf, Marshall, D. L. Rogers and others.

Dr. Stearns was called to the chair, and Dr. Leach was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The committee on application to the Legislature reported to the Society through the chairman, which report was adopted, and 500 copies ordered to be printed, and the committee were authorized to consult the Counsel of the Society in regard to the drafting of a bill from the report.

The minutes of the last three meetings were read and approved.

Dr. Wilson tendered his resignation as a Censor of this Society, which was accepted, whereupon the Society went into an election to supply the vacancy. Drs. D. L. Rogers and Gray were appointed tellers, and on counting the ballots Gunning S. Bedford, M.D., was declared duly elected.

Wm. Clay Wallace, Master of Surgery of the University of Glasgow, and Joseph M. Leon, M.D., of the University of New York, were admitted ordinary members.

Dr. Stearns proposed J. W. Anderson, M.D., of Baracoa (Cuba) as an honorary member.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Stated Meeting, Nov. 12th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Cleve, Gray, Piatt, Bedford, J. H. Rogers, Throckmorton, H. Sweeny, Leveridge, Bowron, D. L. Rogers, G. Carter, J. Stearns, Baxter, Drake, Sheldon, Gilbert, Milledoler, W. Anderson, Kirby, J. Wright, Stephenson, Sandham, Bernhisel, Duvall, &c.

The Secretary not being present, Dr. Duvall was appointed *pro tem.*

On motion—

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

On motion—

Resolved, That all documents of membership submitted to the Comitia Minora for examination be laid before the Society for approval.

Dr. Bernard Mesthé, of Toulouse, and Wm. A. Clarke, M.D., of Queens County, were elected members.

Dr. Jas. W. Anderson, of the Island of Cuba, and Sam'l F. Hahneman, M.D., were elected honorary members.

The President having retired, Dr. Bowron was called to the chair.

After discussion, a question being taken, and a quorum not present, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) J. W. DUVALL, *Secretary pro tem.*

Stated Meeting, Decr. 10th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. J. W. Francis, J. Stearns, Bowron, Cleve, Gray, L. Roe, Comstock, Macneven, Cornell, Baxter, D. L. Rogers, Perry, Carter, McComb, Berry, Bedford, Kirby, Gilbert, Dunnell, H. Sweeny, Sandham, Stephenson, W. Anderson, J. Leo Wolf, Blois, Duvall, and others.

The Secretary not being present, Dr. Duvall was appointed *pro tem.*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following persons were admitted to membership, their several credentials laid before the Society, and approved of by the Com. Minora: Drs. John N. Boardman, Chauncy Ayres, William Seaman, James McLaury, Wm. Wilson, Orville Brooks, Augustus S. Doane, Wm. F. Arnold, Geo. Leo Wolf, W. Leo Wolf, J. F. Wilkins and Geo. Jos. Sachse.

On motion, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That Dr. Sachse's initiation fee of membership be remitted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be expressed to Drs. Sachse and W. Leo Wolf for the presentation to the Society of their respective dissertations.

On motion of Dr. L. Roe, and seconded by Dr. D. L. Rogers, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate the condition of the funds, archives, and property of this Society, and report at the next meeting.

On motion—

Resolved, That said committee consist of five, appointed by the meeting, consisting of Drs. L. Roe, Baxter, Wilson, J. Leo Wolf and Dunnell.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President and Vice-President of this Society be added to said committee.

The President having notified the Society of the death of Dr. Hampton Dunham, one of its members, as also an invitation to attend the funeral of the deceased,

On motion—

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That when this Society adjourns, it adjourns to this day week.

Adjourned.

(Signed) J. W. DUVALL, *Secretary pro tem.*

Adjourned Meeting, Dec'r 17th, 1832.

Present—The President, Drs. Cleve, Piatt, Murphy, McCaffry, Marshall, Stearns, Counsell, Hull, Post, Clarke, Perry, Sweeny, and others—in all 34.

On motion of Dr. Post, it was—

Resolved, That all persons not members be requested to retire.

The President read a report from the committee appointed to investigate the state of the funds, records and archives, reported in part that they had examined the properties in the hands of the Secretary, and found them in proper condition; that the Treasurer had offered them every facility in the investigations, but that in consequence of shortness of time the committee could not fully investigate the state of the finances. The committee asked to sit again, which was granted.

The President read a report from the Comitia Minora on the subject of a breach of medical ethics preferred by Dr. Merkel against Dr. Willett. The documents and letters in relation to the case were read by the chair, when, after considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Society highly disapprove of the conduct

of Dr. Willett in relation to Dr. Merkel, as being ungentlemanly and unprofessional.

Two bills were passed for payment, one for printing By-Laws and memorial, the other for serving notices on committees.

Adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Regular Meeting, Jan'y 18th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Bowron, Piatt, D. L. Rogers, Cleve, Dunnell, Gray, Bedford, Baxter, Perry, Stearns, Sheldon, Merkel, Hull, Bernhisel, Kirby, Gram, Churchill, Sweeny, Sandham, and others.

Dr. Wm. Hibbard was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Dr. Rogers—

Resolved, That the Secretary *pro tem.* be requested to officiate as Secretary to this Society until the health of the family of Dr. Walsh be so far restored as to enable him to discharge that duty. Carried.

The committee appointed to draft a memorial and bill to the Legislature, reported by their chairman, which report was read, and after some discussion it was finally referred to committee from which it originated, with instruction to expunge all such parts as relate to colleges, Medical Society and monopolies, and that it then it be officially authenticated by the officers of the Society, transmitted to the Delegate from this city to the Legislature of this State. It was then put and carried unanimously.

It was then, on motion—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to carry into effect the application of the bill before the House, and that $100 be appropriated from any sums in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

On the motion to appoint the committee, it was ascertained that there was not a quorum present, in consequence of which the Society adjourned.

(Signed) WM. HIBBARD, *Secretary pro tem.*

Special Meeting, Jan'y 23, 1833.

Present—Dr. Bowron in the chair; Drs. Hibbard, Gray, Cleve, Baxter, D. L. Rogers, J. Leo Wolf, G. Leo Wolf, Bedford, Hendry, Channing, W. Anderson, Hardenbrook, Kirby, Milledoler, Jarvis, Perry, Harris, Merkel, Leroy, Churchill, J. Sweeny, Murphy, A. Sandham, Piatt, Ruckel, Kellogg, Pollard, Edward, Holden, Deffinbough, Palmer, Gram and Walsh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion of Dr. Rogers, duly seconded, one hundred dollars was duly appropriated in furtherance of the memorial before the Legislature of the State.

On motion of Dr. Rogers, the following committee of five were appointed to carry the resolution into effect, viz., Drs. Gray, Hibbard, Baxter, Pollard and J. Leo Wolf.

James A. Hopson, M.D., of the University of the State of New York, was admitted a member.

On motion of Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That the committee above appointed be instructed to reply to any counter memorial that may be offered against the bill now before the Legislature.

Adjourned. FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Extra Meeting, Jan'y 31st, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Hibbard, Bowron, Gray, Harris, Sandham, W. Anderson, Kirby, Murphy, J. H. Rogers, Bedford, Pitts, Comstock, Stephenson, Brooks, Hendry, Baxter, A. L. Anderson, Leon, Hull, Drake, Linsly, Ransom, Stearns and Walsh.

The President announced the death of J. R. B. Rodgers, one of the former Presidents of this Society, and also of the State Medical Society, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Society will now adjourn to attend the funeral of the deceased, and will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

On motion of Dr. Comstock, it was—

Resolved, That the meeting now adjourn to meet to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned. FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Sec'y.*

Adjourned Meeting, Feb'y 1st, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. J. S. Rogers, Kirby, Gram, Hull, Carter, Bowron, Piatt, Maclay, Gray, Wilson, Sandham, Stephens, W. Anderson, and others—in all 25.

Dr. Gray moved that the instructions he was about to offer be the instruction to the Delegate to the State Medical Society, which being duly seconded, was carried.

On motion of Dr. Piatt, seconded by Dr. Henry, it was—

Resolved, That the report be considered by sections.

Whereupon the report was considered by sections and adopted, with the exception of section 4th, which, upon motion of the Secretary, Dr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. J. H. Rogers, was stricken out.

The President retired and Dr. Bowron was called to the chair.

The sense of the meeting being taken on the passage of the whole motion, the ayes and nays were called for, when it was found to have passsed—13 to 10.

Ayes—Drs. J. H. Rogers, Gram, D. L. Rogers, Gray, Wilson, D. E. Stearns, Bedford, Sheldon, Baxter, Pollard, G. Leo Wolf and Hull—13.

Nays—Drs. Piatt, Maclay, W. Anderson, A. L. Anderson, T. W. Henry, Hibbard, I. Green, Bowron, Carter and Walsh—10.

On motion of Dr. Hibbard, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the instruction to the Delegate, as passed, be referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair, to be engrossed and presented to the President and Secretary for their signatures and the seal of the Society.

Resolved, That the committee consist of three.

Drs. Hibbard, Gray and D. L. Rogers were appointed.

Dr. Piatt protested against the whole proceedings of the meeting.

Adjourned.

In consequence of the report not having been received by the Secretary, it could not possibly be entered upon the minutes.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Regular Meeting, Feb'y 9th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Cleve, D. L. Rogers, W. Anderson, Piatt, Hibbard, Bedford, Merkel, Pollard, Halsey, Dunnell and others.

Dr. Dunnell was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

In consequence of the absence of the Secretary, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with by resolution.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Secretary to ascertain whether he will attend to his duties personally; and

Resolved, That the committee consist of *three.*

Drs. Halsey, Pollard and Piatt were appointed.

Resolved, That they be instructed to request of the Secretary to furnish the Society with the minutes at every meeting.

The credentials of Joseph Ralph, M.D., of the University of Edinburgh, and of Andrew Welsh, Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, were presented from the Comitia Minora, and they were duly admitted members.

Dr. D. L. Rogers gave information that Dr. Livingston Roe had been prosecuted for his note due the Society for his initiation fee of membership, and moved that the suit be suspended, and the costs be paid by the Society.

Dr. Roe objecting to the motion, no other proceedings were had in the case.

Resolved, The meeting be adjourned to this day week.

Adjourned.

(Signed) H. G. DUNNELL, *Secretary pro tem.*

Adjourned Meeting, Feb'y 16th, 1833.

Present—Drs. Gram, Maclay, D. E. Stearns, Cleve, Clarke, Nichols, Churchill, Bowron, Blois, L. Roe, Leech, Bedford, Kirby, B. Bailey, Cornell, Janeway, Merkel, Sandham, Baxter, D. L. Rogers, J. Sweeny, G. Sandham, Gray, Gibert, J. Leo Wolf, Green, Hull, McComb and Walsh.

The President being absent, Dr. Maclay was called to the chair.

Dr. Bowron submitted the report of the Delegate to the State Medical Society, and accompanying it a report from the Committee of the State Medical Soc., to whom was referred a memorial of the Medical Society of the County of New York to the Legislature of this State praying the passage of a law making it the duty of said Society to examine all persons who may apply for admission as members of the same.

The report of the Delegate is as follows:

NEW YORK, Feb. 16th, 1833.

SIR—I attended the meeting of the State Medical Society held at Albany. The petition of the Medical Society of this County was referred to the Society by the committee of the House of Assembly. The report of the committee of the Society I enclose. The Medical committee of the House of Assembly will, I think, repeal that part of the Revised Statutes relating to the admission of members, if a petition is sent to Dr. Lee, Chairman. I introduced a resolution in the Society to this effect,. but the country members were opposed to it because it was felt injurious to their interests, yet there can be no objections to its repeal if the City of New York wishes it. Whenever I receive the instructions of the Society from Dr. Wing, the Secretary, I shall communicate them to you.

I am, very respectfully,

(Signed) J. R. RHINELANDER.

To President Medical Society, New York.

The report of the Committee of the State Med. Soc. is as follows, viz.: That in their opinion such a law in its operation would not only be inexpedient, but unreasonable and unjust.

(Signed) SUMNER ELY, *Chairman.*

Feb. 13th, 1833.

A true copy from the minutes.

(Signed) JOEL A. WING, *Sec'y.*

On motion of Dr. Gray, the report of the Delegate was referred back so as to ascertain whether a quorum of legal members were present at the last session of the State Med. Soc.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire the reasons of the absence of the Secretary, report as follows, viz.:

That they have investigated the matter relative to the charges of neglect of duty, and upon enquiry have reason to be satisfied that the book of the Society, up to the January meeting, was regularly posted, the archives preserved, and in addition, that he has, at the expense of much time, recovered the three copper plates of the Society that have not been in possession of the four preceding Secretaries, viz., one for certificates of ordinary membership, one for honorary membership, and one for the diploma of license; that his absence from the last meeting was owing to his attendance on a case of midwifery at Brooklyn, which was timely stated to Dr. Wm. Anderson, with request that the same might be communicated to the Society, and also the fact that the proceedings of the preceding meetings were posted, and at his dwelling.

(Signed) B. W. HALSEY, POLLARD, PIATT, } *Committee.*

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary presented the certificates of study of Sylvester Tuthill, which were referred from the Com. Min., and enquired if the School of Medicine was an incorporated College.

Objections were made to the admission of the candidate by reason of his not having studied for the period of four years, nor having attended a full course of lectures at some legally incorporated medical college, agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes.

On motion of Dr. Gray, that the Censors be directed to examine the candidate, much discussion ensued, when the previous question was called and taken. The question recurring on the original motion, it was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Dr. Gray, and duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the Censors be directed to give three days previous notice in the newspapers of every examination of a candidate.

Adjourned. FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Regular Meeting, March 9th, 1833.

Present—The Vice-President in the chair; Drs. Drake, Pratt, Counsell, Merkel, L. Roe, Kirby, Baxter, Halsey, Ray, J. Wright, Lee, Campbell, and others—in all 51.

The minutes of the last three meetings were read and approved.

The Comitia Minora reported the following gentlemen as eligible to membership, viz.: Jno. Sickles, Jun., Licentiate of State Med. Soc. N. Y. Benj'n C. Dutcher, Licentiate of State Med. Soc. N. Jersey. Chas. Henschell, M.D., of University of Wurzburgh, Ba. Rob't McCurley, C.M., of Glasgow University.

The question having been, by motion, taken separately on each candidate, they were admitted as members of this Society.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That the certificate of membership of Dr. McCurley be dated from the time when his diploma was first presented to this Society.

On motion of Dr. Baxter, seconded by Dr. Gram, the following preamble and resolutions were offered, viz.:

Whereas, Dr. Jas. R. Rhinelander, the Representative of this Society in the Med. Soc. of this State, has neglected to obey the instructions with which he was furnished by this body (at a Special Meeting held for the purpose of instructing the Delegate on the 1st Feb'y, ult.) in the following particulars, to wit:

1st. He was instructed to protest against the organization of the Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State to be held in the month of February, 1833, unless, upon a careful examination of documents, a legal quorum of the Delegates was found to be present.

2nd. He was instructed in case there was a legal quorum, but not a majority of the medical delegation of the State present, to protest against such meeting of a minority presuming to urge the legislature to modify the law regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this State, inasmuch as such minority could not be trusted as giving the voice of the majority of the profession throughout the State.

3rd. He was directed to file a copy of his instructions in the archives of the State Med. Soc., and also to lay a copy of the same with a written copy of his protest before the House of Assembly, praying that honorable body to attach such documents to the memorial of this Society then and now before the hon. the Legislature as explanatory of the sentiments of this Society.

4th. He was instructed to withdraw from the meeting of the medical Delegates in the City of Albany, unless upon a legal

scrutiny it was ascertained that a proper quorum was present; and

Whereas, Instead of obeying his instructions in the foregoing particulars the said Delegate witnessed an unjust and disrespectful opposition carried on by said meeting against the memorial of this Society in the Legislature, without attempting to counteract it as he was in honor and duty bound to do; and furthermore accepted an office of trust and emolument from the suffrages of such opposition. Therefore

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be directed to inform Dr. Rhinelander that his constituents request him forthwith to resign the office of Delegate of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York. And

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish the Delegate and the Secretary of the State Med. Society with a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolutions.

On motion of Dr. Jas. Wright, seconded by Dr. Marshall, that the preambles and resolutions be laid on the table, and Dr. Rhinelander be notified to attend at the next meeting. Much discussion arose, when the previous question was called and taken, the question being then taken on the preambles and resolutions, they were carried, 20 to 16.

The ayes and noes were called for, but before the call was acted upon the Society adjourned.

FRANCIS W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

New York, Monday, March 11th, 1833.

Regular Meeting, April 8th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. McIntosh, Hibbard, J. Wright, Baxter, Kirby, Bedford, and others—in all 34.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Bedford read a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Sylvester Tuthill to the President of the Society, on the subject of a license.

The President called Dr. Bedford to order. Dr. Bedford

appealed from the decision of the chair. The question of order having been taken, the decision of the President was sustained by the Society. No order was taken on the subject of the letter.

Mr. Sylvester Tuthill having been recommended by the Censors, was licensed by the Society to practice physic and surgery. The President conferred the diploma and addressed the candidates.

Wm. Groves, Licentiate of State Med. Society, New Jersey, and Sam'l R. Childs, M.D., of Williams College, Mass., were admitted members of the Society.

Dr. Manley requested to know whether the Society would lend their plate for license to the State Med. Society.

Dr. Bedford, seconded by Dr. Hibbard, moved to lend the plate; the question being taken, the motion was lost.

The President read a letter from the College of Pharmacy soliciting the co-operation of this Society in recommending the Pharmacopia of the U. S. to the druggists and apothecaries of this city. Referred to Com. Minora, to report at next meeting.

The bill of the ——— for services rendered the Society was passed for payment.

On motion of Dr. J. Wright, a committee of 15 was appointed, including the President, to confer with the Common Council of this city on the subject of the relief of the families of those members of this Society who fell victims to the *cholera* last year, and who died in indigent circumstances. Drs. S. R. Harris, Coit, A. E. Hosack, J. Wright, J. Bailey, Maclay, Rockwell, Dering, Stewart, Pitts, Bowron, Williams, Cleeve, Pratt and A. Smith were appointed.

Dr. Hosack read a very interesting paper on the subject of Bifid-Palate, and exhibited to the Soc'y a very ingenious instrument of his own invention for performing the operation for its cure.

On motion of Dr. Wm. A. Clarke, the thanks of the Society were sent to Dr. Hosack for his valuable communication, and the essay was referred to the Comitia Minora.

Society adjourned.

F. W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Regular Meeting, May 13th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. D. L. Rogers, Maclay, Stephenson, Marshall, H. Sweeny, and others—in all 47.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Lynd. C. Ferris, M.D., Univ. N. Y., Marcus Hurd, M.D., Univ. N. Y., Robert Tucker, M.D., do. do., Daniel J. Carroll, M.D., do. Penn'a., Rob't Hamilton, Lic. in Surgery, Univ. Edinb., Thos. W. Donovan, Lic. of Med. Soc. New York, were admitted members. The name of Wm. Vanderhoff, Licentiate of the Med. Soc. of State of N. Y., was also reported by the Com. Min. as a candidate for membership of this Society.

A letter from Jno. Sickles, Jun'r, a member of this Society, was read by the Secretary, which contained charges of improper conduct against the Censors of the State Society, and also against the candidate.

On motion the paper was referred to a committee, consisting (after some difficulty in making the appointment) of Drs. Gram, Piatt, Wright, Bedford and A. Sandham.

Dr. Post gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the proceedings at the next meeting.

Dr. D. L. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Gray, moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the Constitution and Acts of the State Med. Society, which being, on motion of Dr. Manley, amended so that the committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to consult the Counsellor of the Society, was carried unanimously.

A motion having been made that the committee should be appointed from the floor, was negatived by the Soc'y, and so decided by the chair.

Dr. Gray appealed from the decision of the chair. The appeal being put to the Society, the President's decision was confirmed. The following gentlemen were then appointed as the committee by the chair: Drs. D. L. Rogers, Milledoler, Bowron, J. Stearns and Maclay.

A letter from Dr. Rhinelander was read by the Secretary, which was directed by the Society to be returned to the author without comment.

Adjourned.

F. W. WALSH, *Secretary.*

Regular Meeting, June 10th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Piatt, Milledoler, Hart, J. H. Rogers, Baxter, L. Roe, Churchill, Cleeve, and others—in all 60.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A. L. White, M.D., Univ. N. York, and Robert Tolefree, Lic. of State Soc'y of New York, were admitted members.

The President read a letter from Dr. Jno. Stearns enclosing a very interesting communication from Jas. W. Anderson, M.D., of Baracoa, in the island of Cuba, an honorary member of this Society, on the subject of a new disease which he denominates Vechtas. Referred to Com. Min.

Dr. Gray submitted to the Society a certified extract from the minutes of the Med. Society of New Jersey on the subject of a general convention of the med. profession of the U. S. in that State, and offering a resolution that a committee be appointed to issue letters in the name of this Society explanatory of the object of such convention, inviting the profession to assemble by delegation in the City of Trenton on the 2nd Tuesday of November next, which motion, after considerable discussion, was withdrawn by the mover.

On motion of Dr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Wright, it was—

Resolved, That a convention of the med. profession on the subject of medical education be deemed expedient by this Society.

Dr. Milledoler moved to postpone the consideration of the motion until the August meeting. Lost.

On motion of Dr. Milledoler, it was—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a system of rules and orders for conducting the business of the Society at its meetings, and that the same be submitted to this Society for their adoption.

Drs. Milledoler, Bedford and H. Sweeny were appointed committee.

Dr. Gram, Chairman of the Com. of Examination in the case of Dr. Wm. Vanderhoff, made a report, which was accepted, and the committee were discharged.

On motion of Dr. Dunnell, it was—

Resolved, That the Censors be directed to enforce the law requiring the production of the certificate of the commencement of term of study for all candidates for license.

Dr. Wright moved that this Society has jurisdiction over its members, and that inasmuch as Dr. E. G. Ludlow has refused to attend the meetings of the above committee, that he be considered guilty of contempt towards the Society, and be censured accordingly.

On motion, the above resolution was laid over till August meeting.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolution, viz., that a committee be appointed to call a convention of the medical profession of the U. S. by circular letter to that effect, to meet at Trenton, N. J., on the 2nd Tuesday in Nov. next.

A motion for adjournment was put and carried.

Society adjourned without acting on the above resolution.

F. W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Extra Meeting Medical Society, June 25th, 1833.

Present—Drs. Post, Cleeve, Maclay, J. Wright, Manley, Sandham, Bedford, Dykers, Robertson, Belcher, and others—in all 53.

The call for the meeting was read, the President and Vice-President being absent, Dr. Post was called to the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

An extract from minutes of Medical Society of New Jersey was read in relation to a convention of the U. S.

Dr. Gray offered the following resolutions, viz.: that a committee be appointed to issue invitations to the medical profession of the U. S. to meet in convention in the City of Trenton, N. J., in November next, to consider the subject of medical education. Several amendments were offered and afterwards withdrawn, when the question on the motion being taken it was lost, 19 to 21.

The Society adjourned.

F. W. WALSH, *Secretary*.

Anniversary Meeting, July 8th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Cleeve, Wilson, J. Wright, J. Stearns, Gram, and others—in all 150.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

The minutes of the Comitia Minora for the last year were read.

The President made an eloquent address to the Society, and resigned his office. It was then—

Resolved, That the officers be voted for on a whole ticket.

It was also—

Resolved, That Tellers be appointed to inspect the election.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed, viz.: Drs. Rockwell, Barker and Manley.

The President left the chair, and an election was entered into (Dr. Stearns in the chair). The vote having been given and canvassed, the following report was made by the Tellers, viz.:

The undersigned Inspectors of the Annual Election of the Medical Society of the County of New York, certify that an election held according to notice previously given according to law, at which were given 147 votes, and a majority of all the votes being necessary to a choice, the following persons were duly elected:

JOHN B. BECK, for *President*, having 87 votes.
EDWARD G. LUDLOW, for *Vice-President*, having 74 votes.
JEREMIAH VAN RENNSLAER, for *Corresponding Secretary*, having 89 votes.
JAMES T. CROMWELL, for *Recording Secretary*, having 85 votes.
A. J. BERRY, for *Treasurer*, having 93 votes.

H. G. DUNNELL, having received 98 votes
ALFRED C. POST, having received 92 votes
WILLIAM F. PIATT, having received 83 votes
JOHN S. BOWRON, having received 77 votes
} *For Censors.*

And they certify that no other person voted for did receive a majority of a whole number of votes given, and that therefore there is a deficiency of one member in the board of Censors.

JAMES R. MANLEY,
WILLIAM ROCKWELL,
LUKE BARKER,
} *Inspectors.*

Election room, No. 68 Duane street,
New York, July 8th, 1833.

On motion of Dr. Wright, duly seconded, the report of the Tellers as above set forth was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Wright, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet one week from this day.

On motion of Dr. Wright, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the By-Laws of the Society.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed, viz,: Drs. Stearns, Coit, Maclay, Channing and Kirby.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Piexotto, our late President, for the able, impartial and judicious manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Society for the last three years.

It was further—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to communicate to Dr. Piexotto the above resolutions.

The following gentlemen were appointed to compose that committee, viz., Drs. Rockwell, Rogers and Piatt.

The Society then adjourned to meet again on Monday, July 15th, 1833, at 4 oclock, P. M.

F. W. WALSH, M.D., *Secretary*.

Adjourned Anniversary Meeting, July 15th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Hoffman, Janeway, Hull, Dering, Baylies, Berry, Phelps, Miner, Conger, Linsly, McEwen, Cornell, Rodgers, J. H. Rogers, D. Rogers, Seaman, Draper, Feltus, Channing, Sandham, Johnston, Wallace, Stillwell, Gram, Sheldon, Stephenson, J. A. Smith, Coit, Leeds, Duvall, Comstock, Sickels, Piatt, Gilman, McCurley, Dutcher, Throckmorton, Deffinbough, B. Bailey, Dunnell, Jessup, Nichol, Gifford, Hickock, Hibbard, Stearns, Clark, White, Collett, Campbell, Gibert, Judson, Anderson, J. M. Smith, Roberts, Wright, McIntosh, Reese, Barker, Cornell, Leo Wolf, J. H. Bailey, J. Sweeny, Maclay, Kirby, McComb, Tucker, Mason, Cheesman, Milledoler,

A. C. Post, Carter, Van Zandt, Beck, Perry, Pond, Walsh, Ludlow, Pitts, Moore, Ransom, Bowron, Lobstein, Peixotto, Palmer, Upson, Rodgers, Churchill, Wood, Rockwell, Cleeve, McCaffry, Purdy, Wilson, Manley, Cromwell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

There being a deficiency of one member in the Board of Censors by the election of the last meeting, an election took place for Censor of the Society. The President appointed Drs. Hibbard, Hoffman and Gilman Inspectors of the Election. The votes having been received and canvassed, the Inspectors made the following report:

We, the undersigned Inspectors of Election for Censors, at an adjourned Anniversary Meeting of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, report that there were received one hundred and four ballots for the office of Censor, necessary for a choice 53, and for which said office of Censor John Kearny Rodgers received 57 votes, John F. Gray received 40 votes, G. Bedford received one vote, R. Maclay received 1 vote, Wm. Hibbard received 1 vote, —— Rogers received 1 vote, Geo. Wilkes received 1 vote, C. Rogers received 2 votes. They therefore announce that John K. Rodgers is duly elected to the office of Censor.

(Signed) WM. HIBBARD.
RICHARD K. HOFFMAN.
C. R. GILMAN.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Inspectors for Censor of the Society was accepted.

The Committee on By-Laws, appointed at the last meeting, informed the Society that it was ready to report.

On motion of Dr. Manley, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the report be taken up by paragraphs.

The following report was then read by Dr. Stearns, Chairman of the Committee:

The committee appointed to revise the By-Laws respectfully report, that they recommend the following alterations and amendments:

1st. That in Chap. II, Article 1st, after the words Comitia Minora, the following be inserted: "and the treasury report." Carried.

2nd. Article 3rd, that the following words be inserted before

the word amendments: "accounts against the Society shall be acted on and," vide 14th Section of the Statute. Carried.

3rd. Chapter V, Article 1st, that the following words be added after the word "doors:" "during which a majority of the Censors shall always be present." Carried.

4th. That Article 3rd be repealed. Carried.

5th. Chapter VI, Article 1st, that the word occasionally in the last line be stricken out and the following inserted: "at its Anniversary Meetings." Carried.

6th. Article 2nd, that the words "by order of the President," be inserted after the word "pay" in the first line. Carried.

7th. That the following Article be added: Article 3rd. "At every Anniversary Meeting he shall give a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements, duly audited and signed by a committee appointed for that purpose." Carried.

8th. Chapter VII, Article 1st, that the words "laws of this State" be inserted after the words "directed by the." Carried.

9th. Chapter IX, that the words "laws of this State" be inserted after words "prescribed by the." Carried.

10th. Chapter X, Article 5th, that the following words be added after the word members: "and if it shall appear that any member has been absent from three meetings in succession without having assigned a satisfactory reason, he shall be ineligible to office for the year ensuing." Carried.

11th. Chapter XII, that Article 1st be repealed. Carried.

12th. Chapter XIV, Article 4th, strike out ten and insert five.* Laid on the table.

Dr. Manley offered an amendment, that Article 2nd, Chapter V, be struck out, which was regularly seconded.

The amendment being under consideration, it was moved by Dr. Manley, and seconded by Dr. Cornell, that the meeting adjourn to this day week, viz., Monday, July 22nd, at 4 o'clock, P. M., which was carried.

Adjourned.

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Adjourned Anniversary Meeting, July 22nd, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Manley, A. L. Anderson, McIntosh, Milledoler, Bowron, Berry, Post, &c.—in all 73.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

* According to motion of Dr. Peixotto, duly seconded.

The consideration of Dr. Manley's motion at the last meeting was resumed.

Dr. Peixotto offered the following substitute, which was accepted by Dr. Manley: "Any student of Medicine desirous of applying for a license to practice physic and surgery shall notify the President thereof, submitting his credentials with respect to term of study and moral character, and if the President approve of the same, he shall convene the Censors who in his presence shall examine the candidate privately, and if they deem him qualified to appear before the Comitia Minora, that body shall be publicly convened, before which the final examination shall take place. At the final examination it shall be at the option of the candidate or any member of the Medical Society to have any question that has been asked, and answer given put on record."

After much discussion on the subject, a motion was made, and duly seconded, that the question be put, which was carried by a majority of two. The question was taken by yeas and nays, and the following was the result:

Yeas—Drs. Bradshaw, Cornell, Coit, Cromwell, Duvall, Edwards, Ferris, Gifford, Gilman, Hardenbrook, Holden, Judson, Leeds, McComb, Moneypenny, Piexotto, Piatt, Phelps, Post, Roe, Sweeny, Wood, Gregory, Berry, White, G. Sandham, Tucker, Maclay, J. Sweeny, Manley, Perry—31.

Nays—Drs. Baxter, Channing, Clark, Cleeve, Counsell, Collett, Dering, Dunnell, Gram, Gray, Halsey, Hickock, A. G. Hull, A. Gerald Hull, Jessup, Kirby, Lobstein, McIntosh, Milledoler, Murphy, Nichols, Pitts, Roberts, A. Sandham, Sheldon, Throckmorton, Walsh, Wilson, Henry, Ransom, B. Bailey, D. Stearns —33.

The substitute was thereby rejected.

Dr. Sweeny informed the Society of the death of Dr. Pascalis, which happened the morning of the 22nd of July. The Society accordingly

Resolved, That they have heard with deep regret of the death of their late learned and distinguished associate, Felix Pascalis, M.D.

Resolved, That in respect to his memory this Society will attend his funeral, and wear the ordinary badge of mourning.

Resolved, That intelligence of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

JOHN B. BECK, M.D., *President.*

JAMES T. CROMWELL, M.D., *Secretary.*

Resolved, That these resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary, and published in one or more daily papers of the city.

It was moved, duly seconded and carried that this meeting adjourn to this day week, July 29th, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Sec'y.*

Adjourned Anniversary Meeting, July 29th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Manley, Baldwin, Robson, Miner, Conger, Rockwell, Linsly, Rogers, J. A. Smith, J. M. Smith, Cornell, Cleve, Halsey, and others—in all 75.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Dr. Post moved the following: Chapter V, Art. 2d, the examination shall be held at the regular meetings of the Comitia Minora, on the Wednesday preceding the second Monday in March, June, September and December, due notice of which shall be given in the public newspapers. Article 2d to be expunged.

On motion of Dr. Hibbard, regularly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Post's resolution be divided.

It was accordingly decided as follows: that the examinations of candidates for license to practice medicine shall be held as proposed by the resolution of Dr. Post. The yeas and nays were demanded on the second part of the question, relative to striking out article 2d.

Yeas—Drs. A. L. Anderson, Baylies, Berry, Bowron, Budd, Conger, Cornell, Coit, Cromwell, G. Chapman, Drake, Feltus, Ferris, Gilman, Gilford, Halsey, Hardenbrook, Hoffman, Henry, Johnson, Judson, Janeway, Leveridge, Linsly, Leon, Manley, McComb, Miner, Merkel, Milledoler, Moneypenny, McEwen, Perry, Peixotto, Piatt, Phelps, Post, Purdy, Pratt, Robson, J. K.

Rodgers, D. S. Rogers, Roe, R. Seaman, Albert Smith, J. A. Smith, Jos. M. Smith, Sweeny, G. Sandham, Upson—50 yeas.

Nays—Drs. J. Bailey, B. Bailey, J. H. Bailey, Baxter, Cameron, Cleeve, Churchill, Channing, Clarke, Collet, Dering, Dunnell, De Angelis, Edwards, Gram, Gray, Gregory, Hibbard, Hickock, Hull, Holden, T. R. Hibbard, Jessup, Kirby, McIntosh, McNevin, Marshall, Murphy, Nichols, Pitts, Palmer, Ransom, A. Sandham, D. Stearns, Sickles, Sheldon, Throckmorton, Walsh, J. Wright, White—40 nays.

It was therefore decided in the affirmative.

Dr. Manley offered the following resolution: That Art. 2nd, of Chap. 1, be repealed, and that the following Article take its place: "The Stated Meetings shall be held on the second Monday of March, June, September and December, notice of which shall be published in one or more daily papers for three days previous to the meeting." It was carried.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell it was determined that "twenty-five" be stricken out of Art. 3, Chap. I. It was—

Resolved, That "forty" be inserted.

A motion was made, and seconded, that "twenty-five" be stricken out from Art. 5., Chap. I. Carried. It was—

Resolved, That "thirty" be inserted.

Dr. Gray moved that the words "the Society" be stricken out from Article 1st, Chap. XIV, and "they" be inserted. Duly seconded and carried.

On motion of Dr. Gray, it was—

Resolved, That Article 2nd, Chap. XIV, be stricken out.

Dr. Cleeve, Treasurer of the Society previous to the late election, offered his report, which was accepted, and, on motion of Dr. Cornell, referred to a committee of five.

The President appointed the following gentlemen that committee: Drs. Robson. Rockwell, Cornell, David Rogers, Conger.

It was—

Resolved, That all notes and accounts in the hands of the late Treasurer be referred to a committee of investigation.

Jeptha B. Munn, M.D., of New Jersey, and Dr. Heyfelder, of Frier, were elected honorary members.

Dr. Gray proposed Augustus R. Taylor, M.D., late President of the State Medical Society of New Jersey, for honorary membership.

On motion of Dr. Walsh—

Resolved, That the President be requested to appoint some member to pronounce a biographical eulogium upon the life and character of our highly esteemed late fellow member, Felix Pascalis, M.D.

Dr. Milledoler, from the Committee on Rules and Orders, made the following report, which was accepted:

1st. At each Stated Meeting, after the presiding officer shall have taken the chair, a quorum being present, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read in order that any mistakes may be corrected by the Society. And in all cases of the absence of a quorum for one half hour after the time for which the meeting was publicly called, the presiding officer shall have power to adjourn until next Stated Meeting.

2nd. After the reading and approving of the minutes, the order of business, which shall not in any case be departed from except by the unanimous consent of the members present, shall be as follows:

1st. Reports of standing committees.

2nd. Reports of select committees.

3rd. Official communications from medical societies, colleges and public authorities.

4th. Communications from individuals.

5th. Unfinished business of the preceding Stated Meetings.

6th. Motions and resolutions laid over from preceding Stated Meetings in their order.

7th. Motions, resolutions and notices.

GENERAL ORDERS.

3rd. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct list of all unfinished business, resolutions and notices laid over, and shall, at every Stated Meeting of the Society, present the same in their order of priority for the consideration of the meeting.

4th. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting, which appeal shall be decided without debate. He shall, when none of the other officers of the Society are present besides himself and the Recording Secretary, have a right to warn any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

5th. The presiding officer shall have no vote except on questions where the votes are equally divided.

6th. While the presiding officer is putting a question, no member shall walk across or out of the room where the meeting is held.

7th. When the meeting adjourns the members shall keep their seats until the presiding officer shall have announced the adjournment.

8th. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the presiding officer.

9th. When two or more members rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the member who is first to speak.

10th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same general question, nor more than once upon a previous question, nor more than once in any case until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11th. While a member is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, or pass between him and the chair.

12th. A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. If there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be conclusive, but if the member appeal to the meeting from the decision of the chair, the meeting shall decide in the case, without debate.

13th. All communications addressed to the Society shall be presented by the presiding officer. The minutes introducing the same shall endorse the substance thereof on them, and add his name; the Secretary shall read the endorsement, after which the presiding officer shall put the question on the reference or disposal of said communications.

14th. No motion or amendment shall be debated or put unless it be seconded. Every motion or amendment shall be reduced to writing before it is put, if the presiding officer or any other member desire it.

15th. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Society, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

16th. If the question in debate contain several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided.

17th. When a blank is to be filled, and different sums or times are proposed, the question shall be put first upon the largest sum and longest time.

18th. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received unless for the previous question, to postpone it indefinately, to adjourn it to a day certain, or to lay it on the table, to amend it, or to adjourn the meeting.

19th. A motion for the previous question, to lay the question

on the table, or to commit it until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and a motion to postpone a question indefinately, or to adjourn it to a day certain, shall, until it is decided, preclude all amendment of the main question.

20th. The "previous question" shall be as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?"

21st. No motion for adjournment shall be received if made whilst a member is speaking to a question; but if the presiding officer shall declare his remarks out of order, and there be no appeal, a motion for adjournment may be received and put.

22nd. No motion for a reconsideration of any subject passed upon by this Society shall be entertained unless made by a member voting in the majority and at the same meeting in which such question was decided.

23rd. If any five members require it, the ayes and noes upon any question shall be taken and entered on the minutes.

24th. The above rules and orders shall not in any case be altered unless it be at an Anniversary Meeting, and with the consent of the members present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP E. MILLEDOLER, *Chairman.*

It was—

Resolved, That the above report be engrossed upon the minutes of the Society and printed with the By-Laws.

The President then appointed the following committees:

FINANCE COMM.—Drs. Robson, Rockwell, David Rogers, Conger, Cornell.

DISEASES.—Drs. Manley, Linsly, Coit, Bedford, Wm. Hibbard.

LIBRARY.—Drs. Hoffman, Downs, McComb, Underhill, Maclay.

METEOROLOGY.—Drs. Gilman, Johnston, Perry, Sterling, Milledoler.

INTELLIGENCE.—Drs. Peixotto, S. Ackerly, H. Sweeny, Dering, Barker.

WARD COMMITTEES.—1. Mason, Dykers. 2. Tucker, Ferris, 3. Condit, Roberts. 4. Hallock, Halsey. 5. Duvall, Ogden. 6. Brooks, Bradshaw. 7. Purdy, McEwen. 8. Hansen, Ward. 9. Leon, Lee. 10. Drake, Anderson. 11. Feltus, Holden. 12. Williams, Mobwarr. 13. S. S. Lawrence, Churchill. 14. Janeway. 15. Robertson, Pond.

The Society then adjourned *sine die.*

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Regular Meeting, September 9th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Hoffman, Gilman, Bowron, Post, Piatt, Rockwell, Rodgers, Stearns, Manley, Baylies, Cornell, Gray, J. Wright, and others—in all 59.

The minutes of the Adjourned Meetings since the Anniversary were read and approved.

Dr. Hoffman, Chairman of the Library Committee, read the following report, which was accepted:

The committee are not prepared with any report in detail of the former proceedings of this Society in relation to the acquisition of a library. The importance of the object has been repeatedly enforced by previous committees, and although they have encountered an obstacle which still exists in the want of a permanent place for the reception and preservation of books, their efforts to accomplish it have been sufficiently productive to encourage us to persevere in them. It appears by the records that the Society owns upwards of 70 volumes, collected and deposited at No. 3 Warren St., and it is ascertained that they are in good condition, and ready to be disposed of as the Society may direct. Annexed is the catalogue of books as taken from the record of the report made by Dr. Stearns, dated August 2nd, 1830.* The committee have been informed that there was an additional number of books belonging to the Society in the possession of the late Dr. Pascalis, which by instituting a more particular enquiry they are in hopes of obtaining for the benefit of the Society. During the first years of their practice, when they have more leisure than at any subsequent period to devote to books, it too often occurs that medical men are most deficient in the means of procuring them. The possession of a respectable library as the common property of the Society, while it would elevate its character as a learned body, would supply this deficiency, and confer great advantages on the members individually by placing within their reach the best sources of knowledge, and its influence would be sensibly felt in advancing the reputation of the whole profession.

The Library Committee, with a view of promoting so desirable an object as the establishment of a Library, and to render the

* Transactions Med. Chir. Society, London, 12 volumes; Dublin Hospital Reports, 2 volumes; Transactions of an Association of Phys. and Surg. Coll., Irl'd, 4 volumes; Anderson's Quart. Journal Med. Science, 1 volume; Edinburgh Med. and Surgical Journal, 2 volumes; London Medical Repository, 8 volumes; London Med. and Phys. Journal, 8 volumes; Johnson's Med. Chir. Review, 2 volumes; Philadelphia Med. and Phys. Journal, 6 volumes; N. Y. Monthly Chronicle, 10 volumes; N. Y. Med. and Surg. Register Hospit. Cases, 1 volume; New England Journal Med. and Surg., 7 volumes; N. Y. Med. and Physical Journal, 11 volumes.

result of past endeavors available to the Society, submit the following resolutions for adoption:

1st. That the sum of $25 be appropriated from the funds of the Society for the purchase of a book-case to be expended for this object under the direction of the Library Committee. Approved.

2nd. The following was proposed by Dr. Manley:

Resolved, That one dollar be requested of each member at each Anniversary Meeting, to constitute a fund to be appropriated exclusively to the Library.

Duly seconded and carried.

3rd. That the Library Committee or any member thereof be authorized to receive donations of books, and be required to acknowledge the same in their future reports to the Society. Carried.

(Signed) RICHARD K. HOFFMAN,
Chairman of the Library Committee.

Dr. Stearns moved that—

Whereas, Article 4th, Chapter 14th, of the By-Laws fixes the initiation fee for the admission of members at $10, and

Whereas, This Article being inconsistent with that By-Law, rule, or regulation of the State Medical Society which requires that no county society shall exact a greater initiation fee than $5, and is consequently null and void. Therefore

Resolved, That the initiation fee for the admission of members shall be fixed at $5.

It was seconded, and after much discussion—

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair.

Whereupon the President appointed Drs. Cromwell, J. Wright and Bowron.

Dr. Gray moved that the committee request an answer to the following question of the consent of the Society: Has the State Medical Society authority to pass By-Laws for the government of the county medical societies? Seconded and carried.

On motion of Dr. Peixotto, duly seconded, the committee was requested to put the following question: Whether the State Medical Society has the power to annul the By-Laws of this Society?

Dr. Post proposed the following question, which was also adopted: Has the Medical Society of the City and County of New York a right to demand more than five dollars as an initiation fee while there is in existence a By-Law of the State Medical Society prohibiting county medical societies in the State from demanding more than five dollars?

Dr. Post moved that when the Society does adjourn, it adjourn to meet on this day week, viz., Monday, Sept. 15th, at 4 P. M. Seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that the first business attended to be the consideration of the report of the committee of investigation of the Treasurer's accounts. Carried.

Adjourned.

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Adjourned Meeting, Sept. 16th, 1833.

Present—The President, Drs. Van Rensselaer, Rogers, Bowron, Post, J. K. Rodgers, Robson, Rockwell, Conger, Cornell, J. Wright, Berry, Gray, Gram, Linsly, Manley, Peixotto, and others—in all 79.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Robson, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the late Treasurer's accounts, made the following report, which was accepted and taken up by items for the consideration of the Society:

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts have performed their duty, and if they had been guided by the 14th Sect. of the Act under which this Society is incorporated and which provides for its disbursements, or had taken the By-Laws of the Society itself as their rule of action, every item in the list of expenditures must have been rejected; but believing it to be the intention of the resolutions under which they act that all charges which have precedent to sanction them, all that are provided for by special resolutions of the Society or appear reasonable in themselves, should be liberally admitted, report the following statement as the result of ther investigations:

Receipts for the last two years ending July 8th, 1833, for fees as per Treasurer's statement, $1,253.37. Expenses during the same period which have been audited, $980.19. Accepted.

Charges suspended by the committee for the decision of the Society, viz., vouchers 5 and 6 paid Dr. Onderdonk, $24. Accepted. 7. Refreshments for Com. Minora, $22.75. Rejected. 15. Bill for printing election tickets, $2. 19. Bill for printing election tickets, $1.75.

Dr. Peixotto explained to the Society that the above bills 15 and 19 had been audited by him through inadvertence, he supposing them to be bills for ordinary printing of the Society; with consent of the Society they were withdrawn to be paid by him.

Voucher I. Dr. Milledoler's expenses to Albany, $8. Accepted. Voucher Q. Gray's account for circulars, $12.50. Accepted. Treasurer's commission of 10 per cent. on his receipts, $125. Rejected. Amounting to $196. Which added to the audited charges makes $1,176.19. Leaving a balance due the Society of $77.18. To this the Treasurer has since added $5, half of Dr. Dyker's initiation fee, the balance received by the Society. Making, according to the Treasurer's statement, $82.18 now due the Society.

As many may be at a loss to conceive for what purposes so large an amount has been expended, it may be proper to enumerate some of the prominent charges: there have been paid for stationary, $28; extra services and Secretary, $150; diplomas, including parchment, $104; School of Medicine, $40. Kappa Lambda Society reports, $107; printing, $212; Dr. Gray's expenses, $90; Delegate's expenses for one year, $40; last year yet due, ——; serving notices, $70; janitor's fees, $86. And there yet are legitimate demands unpaid against the Society for printing, counsel fees, &c., $398.35.

From the best information that can be obtained, considering the very reprehensible manner in which the signatures to the By-Laws are recorded, not one having the date affixed, the committee are reluctantly compelled to state that several gentlemen's names appended to the By-Laws and now ascertained to have paid their fees without being accounted for on the Treasurer's books; justice to that officer however requires the committee to state that as far as their inquiries have gone the unaccounted for fees were received by the Secretary.

(Signed) BENJ'N R. ROBSON.
DAVID ROGERS.
JOHN S. CONGER.
JAS. EDWARD CORNELL.
WILLIAM ROCKWELL.

Archives I., J. T. C.

It was—

Resolved as follows: That Dr. Cleeve be released from the

claim of the Society against him of the amount of $125, in consideration of services rendered during his late term of office.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, it was—

Resolved, That hereafter all bills be passed in open meeting of the Society before they are paid by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Treasurer report at each Stated Meeting of the Society all sums of money received by him, and that the same be entered on the minutes.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That all connection of the Medical Society with the School of Medicine be forthwith dissolved.

Resolved, That this Society do not hold itself responsible for any acts of the late Medical School.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be published in the newspapers.

Dr. Kirkhoff, of Antwerp, presented to the Society a work on Cholera, of which he is the author, accompanied with a letter. Accepted, and referred to the Corresponding Secretary.

The President announced that Dr. Peixotto had accepted the appointment to deliver a biographical eulogium on the late Dr. Pascalis.

Adjourned. JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary*.

Extraordinary Meeting, Oct. 25th, 1833.

At the request of forty-one members of the Society an Extra Meeting was called by the President for the purpose of conferring on Mr. Lorenzo F. Warren a license to practice medicine.

There not being a quorum present for one half hour after the time for which the meeting was publicly called, the President adjourned.

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary*.

Stated Meeting, Dec. 9th, 1833.

Present—The President, Dr. Beck.

As soon as a quorum was formed the Society was called to order, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Dr. Gilman, Chairman of the Meteorological Committee, made a quarterly report. Archives II., J. T. C.

It was moved and seconded that the report be entered on the minutes, which motion was adopted.

Dr. Robson, Chairman of the Committee on Finances, concluded his report on the Treasurer's accounts and the finances of the Society, which was accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to demand forthwith in writing the payment of all unsettled claims on or before the first day of January next, and report to the Society at their next Stated Meeting a detailed statement of the result of his applications. Archives III., J. T. C.

Dr. Cromwell, of the committee to whom was referred the motion made at a late Stated Meeting relative to the initiation fee, offered a report with the opinion of law counsel on the subject of the powers of the Medical Societies. Accepted. Archives I. T. C., III.

A communication from the Comitia Minora of the State Medical Society was read, and accepted.

It was—

Resolved, That the communication be referred to a committee of five, with discretionary powers.

The President appointed the following gentlemen that committee: Drs. Manley, John Stearns, Piexotto, Cock, Rockwell.

A resolution was offered and adopted that the President be added to the committee.

A resolution of the Comitia Minora of the Society was read to lay before the Society the opinion of Greene C. Bronson, the Attorney General of this State, relative to the admission and expulsion of members of county medical societies, which opinion was read from the first volume of the Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York, page 76 of the Appendix.

The Comitia Minora reported that diplomas had been issued by some members of the Society, conferring the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Indiana. Whereupon,

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investi-

gate and report at the meeting of the Society on Monday next, on the subject of diplomas purporting to be issued by the University of Indiana.

Drs. Manley, Peixotto and Cock were appointed the committee.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns it be to Monday, the 16th December inst., at the usual hour.

Adjourned.

JAS. T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Adjourned Meeting, Dec. 16th, 1833.

Present—Dr. Beck, President, Drs. Ludlow, J. Kearny Rodgers, Manley, Cock, J. M. Smith, Peixotto, Rockwell, Bowron, J. Wright, and others, constituting a quorum.

The meeting being called to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion of Dr. Rockwell, duly seconded, it was—

Resolved, That the reports of the Committee on Finance and on the Initiation Fee be engrossed on the minutes of the Society.

Dr. Manley, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Comitia Minora of the State Medical Society, reported and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the copy of a petition to be presented to the Legislature by the Medical Society of the State be presented for signatures to the members of this Society, and to the profession at large, without reference to membership, in order that it may speedily be transmitted to Albany.

A treatise on the Venereal Disease and its varieties was presented to the Society by the author, Dr. Wm. Wallace, of Dublin, honorary member of this Society. Accepted, and referred to the Corresponding Secretary, that the customary letter of thanks be returned to Dr. Wallace.

Dr. Manley, of the committee on the subject of Diplomas purporting to be issued by the University of Indiana, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the business of inquiry into the character and validity of Diplomas of the degree of

Doctor of Medicine, said to be issued by authority of an institution styled the University of Indiana, respectfully report that they have made diligent search into the matters committed to them, and beg leave to present the following facts, viz.:

1st. That there is such an institution, and that it was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Indiana, January 24th, 1833, entitled "an Act to Incorporate the Christian College at New Albany, in Floyd County, Indiana."

2nd. That said College was organized by a meeting of eight persons at the house of Dr. Bennett, in New Albany, on 16th July, 1833.

3rdly. That the said College under its charter claim, and for anything your committee knows to the contrary, exercise the right to confer eight different kinds of degrees on males, and seven different kinds on females.

4th. That the said College in its By-Laws is styled an University, and embraces several different faculties, as for example: of Law, Physic, English Literature, Languages, Mathematics, Natural Science, and together with a College expressly for the education of females.

5thly. That the great corporation has its officers distinct from those which belong to the medical faculty, although in one case there is an exception; John Cook Bennett belongs to both—being a Bishop and Secretary in the one, and President and Professor of Midwifery in the other. In the medical diploma the said Bennett is styled Chancellor.

6th. That the charter of said great corporation may be altered by the power which created it after ten years.

7th. That it appears from a By-Law that the Bishop may send out and commission agents for any purpose connected with the interests of the corporation, confer degrees, &c., &c.

8thly. That by virtue of the power thus given, it is presumed, John Cook Bennett came to the city last summer and commissioned John Baxter and John F. Gray, both members of this Society, the latter according to his own confession having solicited the appointment to examine candidates and dispense diplomas, the persons usually paying therefor the sum of twenty-five dollars.

9thly. That the said John Cook Bennett during his stay in this city did procure a seal for the corporation of the Christian College, otherwise called the University of Indiana, to be engraved and copies of diplomas to be lithographed, with the signatures of himself as Chancellor with the titles of M.D. and LL.D. affixed, of Chauncey F. Perkins with the titles M.D. and LL.D. affixed as Dean, and of John L. Riddell, with the title of LL.D. affixed as Registrar.

10thly. That the said John Baxter and John F. Gray have examined candidates, and have presented the above described diplomas to persons not legally qualified (at least by the laws of this State) to practice physic and surgery, and that the said John Cook Bennett has presented the above diplomas without examination of any kind to a student resident in this city, and in truth during the absence of said student.

11thly. That the said Christian University of Indiana, in the name of which these diplomas are issued, at the time of issuing them did not possess buildings, apparatus or facilities of any kind to teach physic and surgery, nor had there been any full courses of instruction in the above branches, nor, as far as your committee are informed, had any lectures on medical science been delivered.

12thly. That there is no information in the possession of your committee of the existence of a school of medicine at New Albany, from which place the diplomas purported to be dated, even at this time, except the appointment of an incomplete faculty of medicine, consisting of four persons, be received as the evidence of such school.

13th. That the papers styled diplomas are entire lithographs, with two blanks, the one for the name of the recipient, and the other for the day of the date only.

Your committee with the above facts leave the nature and validity of the above papers to be inferred. They are not licenses by the laws of this State, even if they are signed in the usual manner of authenticating such instruments, *vide* Sec. XVII and XVIII, Chap. XIV, Title VII Revised Statutes. They are therefore not so much frauds upon the public (although their multiplication cannot fail to bring disgrace upon the character of the medical profession) as they are frauds on the individuals who give their money for them, for in truth they purchase nothing; since such an instrument would not be allowed in any public office in this State.

As respects the agency of the two members of this Society in consenting to become Commissioners to distribute them, your committee know not how to speak in respectful terms; the language expressive of the most marked reprobation alone is suited to the subject. It presents an entire new case in the medical annals of this country, and in their opinion a very proper one for the attention of a Grand Jury. They will now close this report with presenting for the consideration of the Society the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That a copy of the Charter and By-Laws of the institution called the Christian College, Indiana, a copy of a

diploma issued under its authority, and a copy of this report be transmitted to the honorable the Legislature of this State at the ensuing session, in order to induce them to pass an act which shall require every person coming from any other State, or any foreign country, to be examined and licensed by the constituted authorities in this State before being admitted to practice physic and surgery.

2nd. *Resolved*, That John Baxter and John F. Gray be, and they are, hereby expelled from this Society.

3. *Resolved*, That notice be given to the Medical Society of the State of such expulsion, and that the same be published.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES R. MANLEY, *Chr'm.*
THOMAS COCK.
DANIEL L. M. PEIXOTTO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16th, 1833.

The report was accepted. The first resolution was adopted. After a lengthy discussion the question was called for, and the yeas and nays demanded on the second resolution. The votes being taken, the following was the result:

Yeas—Drs. Bowron, Blakeman, Carter, Coit, Cromwell, Dering, L. C. Ferris, Gibert, Johnston, Ludlow, McComb, Post, J. K. Rodgers, Tucker, J. Wright, Beers, O. Baldwin, Buck, Cornell, Cock, Caruthers, Drake, Gilman, Hoffman, Kellogg, Manley, Peixotto, Rockwell, Robertson, Van Beuren, Wood—31 yeas.

Nays—Drs. Berry, Channing, Collett, Dunnell, Gram, Hendry, Hibbard, Hickock, A. Hosack, Harsen, A. G. Hull, Jr., Janeway, Kirby, Lee, McIntosh, McNeven, Blois, Marshall, Parkin, Jos. M. Smith, Stephenson, D. Stearns, Wilckens, Ireland—24 nays.

Dr. J. Wright, who voted in the affirmative, gave notice that he would call for a reconsideration of the resolution at the next meeting of the Society.

Drs. Joseph M. Smith, Berry, Hibbard, and many other members who voted in the negative, explained that they fully concurred in the opinion that John Baxter and John F. Gray deserved to be expelled from this Society, but feared that the Society would transcend its powers by proceeding otherwise

than as directed in Sec. 3rd and 4th, Chap. XIV, Title VII of the Revised Statutes.

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns it be to meet at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Barclay St., on Monday, 23rd December inst., at the usual hour.

Adjourned.

JAMES T. CROMWELL, *Secretary*.

Report of the Finance Committee read by Dr. Robson, Chairman, on Monday, December 9th, 1833.

The Finance Committee report the following abstract of claims against the Society, viz.:

No.		
1	Courier and Enquirer	$95 41
2	Emmett's council fees	50 00
3	Rhinelander's as Delegate	45 00
4	Evening Post	40 70
5	N. Y. American	39 49
6	Commercial Advertiser	36 00
7	Harpers, for printing Hosack's Memoirs	29 25
8	Standard	18 63
9	Elam Bliss, for Physical Journal	11 08
10	Daily Advertiser	2 75
11	Sleight, for circulars	2 00
12	Advocate and Journal	1 75
13	Dr. Dering, for postage	40
	Total	$372 46

The demands of the Society are:

First. Notes of its members for initiation fees now in the hands of the Treasurer, several of them of many years standing, some of the drawers dead, others removed from the city, amounting in all to $260.

Second. Fees which have not been accounted for by the late Treasurer, Dr. Cleeve, from the following licentiates:

George A. Sandham, March 29, 1832, not examined	$5 00
George P. Cammann, April 4, 1832, not examined	5 00
James Barry, April 21, 1832, not examined	5 00
Abijah Ingraham, April 21, 1832, examined	15 00
Alwyn Bogart, July 4, 1832, not examined	5 00
John D. Ansley, July 4, 1832, not examined	5 00
	$40 00

Third. Unaccounted initiation fees from the following members who have signed the By-Laws, and who are required, by the 4th Art. of Chap. 14th of By-Laws, to present to the Secre-

tary the Treasurer's receipt for their initiation fee of $10 before affixing their names:

Lucius Comstock	$10 00	
James Barry	10 00	
Josiah Jauncey	10 00	
Angelis Benaghi	10 00	
Wm. R. Blakeman	10 00	
Thos. W. Donoven	10 00	
John M. Freeman	10 00	
Charles H. Jessup	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Edgar F. Peck	10 00	
Tobias Purington	10 00	
Washington Ritter	10 00	
William C. Roberts	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Daniel E. Stearns	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Robert I. Trumbull	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Robert Polfree	10 00	
Thos. P. Vanderhoof	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Peter Dyker	10 00	says he paid Dr. Walsh
Nathan S. Jarvis	10 00	
	$175 00	
To this, add for license fees	40 00	
And it will amount to	$215 00	which yet remains to be accounted for by the late officers of the Society.

Fourth. Unsettled claims against the late Treasurer, Dr. Cleeve, for

A counterfeit bank bill	$5 00
Charge for refreshments of Com. Minora, rejected by the Society	22 75
	$27 75

From the declaration in the above statement, it would appear that $55 of the unaccounted fees can be directly traced into the pocket of the late Secretary, Dr. Walsh. Where the balance is yet deposited is yet to be ascertained. To obtain this information, as well as to enable the Society to pay what it owes by collecting its debts, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to demand forthwith in writing the payment of all unsettled claims on or before the first day of January, and report to the Society at their next meeting a detailed statement of the results of his applications.

(Signed) BENJ'N R. ROBSON,
WILLIAM ROCKWELL,
DAVID ROGERS,
JAS. EDWARD CORNELL.
} *Finance Committee.*

Report of Committee on the subject of the Initiation Fee, read Dec. 9th, 1833.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion of Dr. Stearns, that,

Whereas, Article 4th, Chapter 14th, of the By-Laws, fixes the initiation fee for the admission of members at $10, and,

Whereas, This Article being inconsistent with that by-law, rule or regulation of the State Medical Society, which requires that no county medical society shall exact a greater initiation fee than $5, and is consequently null and void,

Resolved, That the initiation fee for the admission of members be fixed at $5,

Respectfully report that, in accordance with the resolutions of the Society, the following questions were proposed to Mr. Emmett:

The Medical Society of the County of New York request, through the undersigned, its committee, answers to the following questions on points of law relative to medical societies.

1st. Has the State Medical Society the power to annul the by-laws of this Society?

2d. Has the State Medical Society authority to pass by-laws for the governments of county medical societies?

3d. Has the Medical Society of the City and County of New York a right to demand more than five dollars as an initiation fee, while there is in existence a by-law of the State Medical Society, prohibiting county medical societies in the State from demanding more than five dollars?

To which this answer was returned:

Mr. Emmet begs leave to inform the Medical Society of the County of New York that, having as yet received no compensation from them for much trouble and labor bestowed upon their business, although at the request of one of their officers he has received promises of payment, he must decline acting any further as their legal adviser. He would also take this opportunity of requesting a settlement of the amount now due to him. The bill was rendered through Dr. Gray for $50, which was deemed by him to be very reasonable at the time.

On Mr. Emmet's refusal to act as legal adviser of the Society, the Committee requested Chas. T. Cromwell, Esq., to consider

and answer in writing the questions proposed by the Society. The following has been received as his opinion:

Questions to be answered,—

1st. Has the State Medical Society the powers to annul the by-laws of this Society?

2d. Has the State Medical Society authority to pass by-laws for the government of county medical societies?

3d. Has the Medical Society of the City and County of New York a right to demand more than five dollars as an initiation fee, while there is in existence a by-law of the State society prohibiting county medical societies in State from demanding more than five dollars?

Section 13 of the Act of Incorporation of the State and County Medical Societies is the only part of the Act leaving at all in doubt the power of the county societies to frame *their own* By-Laws, and make their own regulations for the mere government of their own respective societies. That Section enacts that it shall he lawful for the respective societies to make such By-Laws and regulations, &c., as a majority of the members, &c., shall see fit, "provided that such By-Laws, rules and regulations of the respective county societies shall not be repugnant to the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Medical Society of the State of New York."

Chancellor Kent, in the 2 vols. of his Commentaries upon American Law, page 239, lays down the received doctrine as to the extent of the powers of incorporated bodies in the following words, viz., "that (the corporation) are to be considered as having such powers as are *specifically granted* by the Act of Incorporation, or as are necessary for carrying into effect the powers *expressly granted, and as having no other.*" That they are the mere creatures of the law, established for special purposes, and derive all their power from the act creating the same. Now I do not find in that *Section*, or in any part of the Act Incorporating the State Society, that the Legislature have *specifically* or *expressly granted* to that Society any power whatever to frame By-Laws for the government of a county society, or to annul any of its By-Laws already made, and we have seen that, unless such power be *specifically* or *expressly* granted by its Charter, the State Society can have no such power.

But though not specifically granted (and therefore as we have shown not existing), yet the question may be put, can any such powers to the State Society be inferred from construction of the Act?

The county and State societies are by the Act of Incorporation made separate and distinct bodies corporate, independent of each other as regards their intended government; for the purposes therefore of giving construction to the said 13th Section, the State and county societies must be looked upon as separate and distinct bodies. There is a resolution of the State Society annulling a By-Law of the County Society, or prohibiting a By-Law of the County Society from going into effect—a rule, By-Law or regulation of the Medical Society of the State of New York—within the spirit or meaning of that Section.

Would it not be a legislative enactment for the government of the County Society *and not a By-Law or rule* of the State Society made not *for itself*, but to control the internal police and affairs of the County Society?

It appears to me it would be an assumption of legislative supervision by the State over the county society not warranted either by the express terms of the Act or to be inferred from it. I am therefore of opinion that the State society has no right to annul a by-law of the county society, or to pass a by-law for its government, and that a law of the State society prohibiting a county society from demanding any specific sum as an initiation fee is not binding upon the county society.

With great respect, your obedient servant,
CHAS. T. CROMWELL.

To JAS. T. CROMWELL and J. WRIGHT, Committee, &c., of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York.

New York, Dec. 7th, 1833.

As the consideration of a by-law at any other than an Anniversary Meeting cannot be in order, the Committee conceive that they have fulfilled the wishes of the Society by submitting the above.

(Signed) JAMES T. CROMWELL,
JAMES WRIGHT.

New York, Dec. 9th, 1833.

Adjourned Meeting, Dec'r 23rd, 1833.

Present—Dr. Beck, President, and others, constituting a quorum.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion of Dr. Wright, duly seconded, it was decided that the following resolution, which was put and lost at the last meeting, be entered on the minutes:

Resolved, That this Society regret that Drs. Gray and Baxter have been instrumental in conferring illegal degrees, and that they are hereby admonished for their improper conduct in this case.

On motion of Dr. Macneven, duly seconded, amended by Dr. Cromwell, it was—

Resolved, That instead of "adopted" the words "the question was carried in the affirmative," be inserted after the list of yeas and nays on the resolution of the Committee on Illegal Indiana Diplomas.

The following bills were offered to and passed by the Society, with resolutions that they be paid: 1. The account of Nicholas Gourdier, $6.75. 2. The account of the Janitor to Sept. 23rd, 1833, $26.88. 3. Account of Bartlett & Raynor, for stationery, to Nov. 2, 1833, $5.94. 4. Account of Journal of Commerce, from July 6th to Dec. 13th, 1833, $2,50. 5. Account of New York American, from Sept. 6th to Dec'r 12th, 1833, $3.19. 6. Account of Charles T. Cromwell, for Counsel fee, $20.

Dr. J. Wright moved a reconsideration of the resolution to expel John F. Gray and John Baxter from this Society. The motion was seconded and carried.

The second resolution offered by the Committee on Indiana, or Christian College Diplomas, viz., that John Baxter and John F. Gray be, and they are hereby expelled from this Society, was then put and lost.

Dr. Dunnell then offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, It has been proved to us satisfactorily that John F. Gray and John Baxter, two of the members of this body, have been instrumental in the diffusion of these cheap diplomas representing them to be students of medicine as possessing all the necessary qualifications in medicine, and it having been made known to us that these degrees are given or sold without any reference to the knowledge possessed by the purchaser; and further, they have endeavored to introduce the persons holding these papers

into this Society as licentiates, contrary to the spirit, construction and wording of the laws of this State and of this Society, for which acts we hereby

Resolve, That John F. Gray and John Baxter be suspended from all professional intercourse with us in this Society until our further pleasure is known, and that we cannot consider them worthy to associate with us, claiming as we do to be members of a high-minded and honorable profession, aspiring to deserve the well-earned reputation we have acquired in the public confidence as guardians of the health and lives of our fellow citizens, for whose safety, as well as our own, we consider it our duty to visit with odium and disgrace all efforts like these to produce vandalism in medicine.

The resolution having been seconded, the yeas and nays were called for, and it was lost—yeas 37, nays 55.

Dr. Reese then proposed resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That the connection of Dr. John F. Gray and Dr. John Baxter with the diplomas of the Christian College, or University of New Albany, Indiana, in the opinion of this Society, grossly unprofessional and disreputable to them as members of our Society and profession, therefore

Resolved, That they be publicly reprimanded in the name of the Society by the President.

Resolved, That on these two gentlemen, either of them giving public assurance that they will not in future directly or indirectly, suffer their names or influence to be used in connection with any of the affairs of the University of New Albany, Indiana, called the Christian College, and disavowing all connection with said institution, then this Society will continue to extend professional courtesy to them as heretofore.

The resolutions were seconded, and yeas and nays demanded. They were taken on the resolutions collectively.

Yeas—A. L. Anderson, Berry, Bowron, Brinckerhoff, Bradshaw, O. Baldwin, Budd, Cornell, Coit, Cock, Carruthers, Cromwell, W. A. Clarke, Duvall, Dunnell, Drake, L. C. Ferris, Gilman, S. L. Griswold, S. R. Harris, Hibbard, Johnston, Kellogg, Ludlow, Linsly, MacNevin, Maclay, Marshall, Moneypenny, B. Ogden, Peixotto, Piatt, Reese, A. Smith, G. Sandham, Wm. Wilson, Wood, J. Wright, Williams, Wells, Buck, Tucker, J. A. Carter, Childs—44.

Nays—B. Bailey, J. Baxter, W. Channing, Cleeve, Campbell, Counsell, Gram, Gray, Henry, A. G. Hull, Sen'r., A. G. Hull, Jr., Kirby, J. Leo Wolf, S. Leo Wolf, W. Leo Wolf, Leveridge, Nichols, Parkin, Pitts, Palmer, D. L. Rogers, H. Sweeny, Dan'l Stearns, Sheldon, S. Van Arsdale, Van Arsdale, Walsh, Robertson, Hoit, Taylor, J. Sweeny.

Dr. Reese's resolutions were therefore accepted.

It was moved, duly seconded and carried that when the Society adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, Dec'r 30th, at the same place and usual hour.

Adjourned.

JAMES T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Memorial of Dr. John F. Gray, read by him before the Society at an Adjourned Meeting, held Dec'r 30th, 1833.

To the Medical Society of the County of New York, this memorial of the subscriber sheweth:

That in the proceedings recently had in the Society in relation to the diploma executed by the Chancellor of the University at New Albany, Indiana, the subscriber has been charged with conduct disgraceful and grossly unprofessional, of which he by no means considers himself guilty. The charge is predicated of the report made by a committee of the Society appointed to enquire into the facts in relation to the Indiana diplomas, whereas the report, so far as the subscriber can remember, contains no fact in relation to the subscriber which can bear so harsh and injurious an inference.

Besides, had the committee made a report which in terms justified the very harsh acts which have grown out of it, the subscribers feel confident that the members will feel that it was not according to sound public usages to proceed to ultimate acts or judgment upon such report till the subscriber had been served with a copy of it, and his explanation, avowal or denial had been given in writing to the Society. All civilized institutions guarantee this most sacred right. It is true that some members of the Society did, after the Society had adopted the report of their committee, propose to give the subscriber ten days time to prepare a defence, as they chose to term a reply to the report; but this proposal was connected with a motion that the intermediate ten days should be occupied by the Society in giving

public notice in the newspapers the subscriber was a culprit at the bar of this Society, and therefore the subscriber did not crave the time offered by the gentlemen alluded to. The subscriber believes that every member of this Society would, as he did, reject such a proposal without a moment's hesitation. The subscriber's object in making these statements to the Society is not so much to protest against the acts which the Society have founded upon the report of their committee (he must leave this to the Society to dispose of as it may judge proper), his object is to draw the attention of the members of the Society to the extremely harsh and false public rumors which have taken their origin from the acts passed against the subscriber at the two last meetings of the Society. The subscriber cannot believe that the larger portion of the members of this Society are willing that the acts referred to should remain the ready weapons of an all blighting private malignity. In recommending the Indiana diploma, the subscriber held himself to be acting according to law and good conscience, and if in so doing he has incurred the disapprobation of a majority of his profession, he must with manhood submit to their censure; but he cannot think that in this, or any other act of his life, he has merited the opprobrium which the tongue of private scandal or of public declamation has heaped upon him, nor can he feel that he has forfeited that protection of character which his friends, the liberal members of this Society, and the institutions of his native republic can extend to him.

JOHN F. GRAY, M.D.

NEW YORK, 30th Dec., 1833.

Memorial of Dr. J. Baxter read by him before the Society at an Adjourned Meeting, held December 30th, 1833.

MEMORIAL AND PROTEST.

To the Medical Society of the City and County of New York:

The undersigned respectfully submits that in the case now before you in which he is under censure for granting diplomas of a University of the State of Indiana, has been treated unjustly in the extreme, inasmuch as the committee of investigation on that subject never gave him an opportunity while the subject was under their consideration to repel or disprove the implication; inasmuch as no fact, or facts, have as yet been presented to the Society which have even in the slightest degree proved what is imputed to him; inasmuch as no copies of any of the papers upon the subject have been submitted to him; inasmuch

as the actions of the Chancellor of this University have been imputed to him, whereas the undersigned had no knowledge of and gave no consent to any of the transactions of John Cook Bennett in his distribution of diplomas here or elsewhere; inasmuch as when the opportunity offered in one instance to repel the accusation, thus showing that it was false, malicious and without foundation in said instance, and which can be also shown in other instances, the witness was prevented from giving evidence, and despotically ordered out of the room; inasmuch as the undersigned has been attacked before you with opprobious epithets, and outdoors by slanderous reports maliciously circulated, orperating to injure him in the opinions of his fellow citizens; and inasmuch as what diplomas he has distributed have been to those only deserving of them, which he can conscientiously assert and challanges its reputation; and furthermore, were mostly granted to the licentiates of this Society, thus if any of those have been granted to persons unqualified to practice, the fault lays with the Society and not with him, as the degree was granted upon the responsibility of their license, and he cannot see any reason why any person having qualifications to practice should not also have the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and of all granted by him he can confidently assert that those only received them who were proved worthy of them by examinations and documents.

The undersigned therefore from the above consideration, and not conceiving himself in any wise to have offended against either civil or moral law, and as considering himself unjustly persecuted, calls upon this Society for the further proceedings in this transaction to be suspended or abated, and to have this memorial placed upon the minutes of this Society as a protest against the transactions in his case.

J. BAXTER, M.D.

NEW YORK, Dec'r 30th, 1833.

Adjourned Meeting, December 30th, 1833.

Present—Dr. Beck, President, Drs. Ludlow, Bowron, Dunnell, Rodgers, and others constituting a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Berry, Treasurer, read a quarterly report, which was accepted, deposited in the archives of the Society, J. T. C. No. IV.

The Treasurer reported that there had been received by him the following sums:

From Dr. Robson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, as a balance from late Treasurer	$77 10¾
Drs. Belcher and Harris' notes	20 00
Dr. Glenny, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Childs, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Barber, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Slosson, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Levesque, initiation fee	10 00
Mr. Warren's examination fee	10 00
Dr. Belden, balance of his note	5 00
Dr. Draper, amount of note	10 00
Dr. Baldwin, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Buck, initiation fee	10 00
Dr. Turner, initiation fee	10 00
S. B. Harris, initiation fee	10 00
King, initiation fee	10 00
Hoit, initiation fee	10 00
Carter, initiation fee	10 00
Reese, initiation fee	10 00
Vaché and Wilson, each $10	20 00
Total amount received by the Treasurer since last Stated Meeting	$272 18¾

Drs. Gray and Baxter read to the Society memorials on the subject of the proceedings of the Society in relation to the diplomas of the College at New Albany.

On motion, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the memorials be entered on the minutes.

The third resolution offered by the committee on the subject of diplomas from Indiana, as follows:

Resolved, That notice be given to the Medical Society of this State of such expulsion, and that the same be published.

Being in order was considered, and on taking the yeas and nays, was lost—14 yeas, 23 nays.

Dr. Cock offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of this Society be directed to publish a statement of the proceedings of the University of New Albany in relation to their dispensing diplomas expressive of the disapprobation of this Society, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Indiana.

The above resolution having been duly seconded, was adopted.

In accordance with the resolution of Dr. Reese, adopted at the last meeting, the President, in the name of the Society, publicly reprimanded Drs. Gray and Baxter.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned.

JAMES T. CROMWELL, *Secretary.*

Stated Meeting of the Medical Society, March 10th, 1834.

Present—Forty members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Hoffman, Chairman of the Library Committee, read a report, having received $17 and forty volumes, *vide* archives. Accepted.

Dr. Berry, Treasurer, read a report, *vide* archives. Accepted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to take legal measures to compel the payment of monies due the Society. Carried.

On motion of Dr. Reese, seconded by Dr. Ives. Preamble.

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the N. Y. State Temperance Society have called upon the physicians of the State for their professional testimony on the subject of ardent spirits used as a drink. And

Whereas, The philanthropic and benevolent operations of that Society entitle them and their object to our high consideration. Adopted. Therefore

Resolved, By the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, that as the result of our uniform observation and experience we unite in the opinion that the use of ardent spirits as a drink is in no case necessary or useful to *men in health*, and that the universal abandonment of such use of all spirituous liquors would greatly diminish the number and fatality of diseases in every climate, and essentially promote the public health. Carried.

Resolved, That the use of these and other artificial stimulants either as *auxiliary* to *labor*, or as an *antidote* to *bad water*, or as a preventive of contagious or epidemic diseases, originates in a vulgar error which has no foundation in rational philosophy, and is to be regarded as a fruitful source of much of the intemperance which afflicts our country. Carried.

Resolved, That the *daily* and *habitual* use of ardent spirits as a medicine, and especially in the form of bitters, cordials, and elixirs, of which alcohol in some form is the base, and with

which quack medicines the country has been deluged, is one of the prominent causes of forming intemperate appetites and habits, and ought to be universally abjured. Carried.

Resolved, That the use of ardent spirits when necessary or appropriate in sickness requires the prudent and judicious advice of a skillful physician, and for want of such advice we believe that the use of spirituous liquors and compounds as medicine has annually made extensive and fearful ravages upon the health and lives of the community both by producing diseases and rendering them incurable. Carried.

Resolved, That these resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary, and also by such members as concur with them, and that a copy be transmitted to E. C. Delevan, Esq'r, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the N. York State Temperance Society at Albany. Carried.

Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting, 9th June, 1834.

A quorum not being present, the President adjourned the meeting.

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My Dear Doctor

I send you by express today a complete set of the Minutes as far as published I am at work on the 3d and final volume. The pamphlet of 37 pages commencing at a meeting at the City Hall Nov. 14. 1794 etc. and called Minutes of the "so called" Medical Society of the State of New York was the father the Medical Society

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Yours very truly

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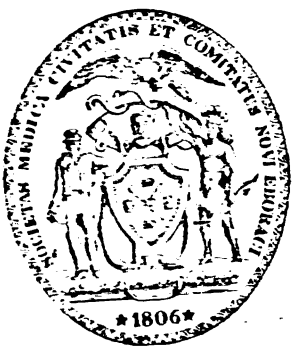
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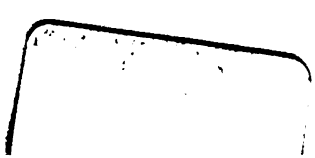
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